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According to the Matter of each

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Not Lands, but learning makes a man
Not Birth but Breeding Makes him ^{Compleat} truly
Wisdom and Valour doe adorn his state, ^{Great,}
Virtue and Goodness Makes him Fortunat

Elizabeth Selner

KING DAVID



Blessed be the Kingdom of our Father David, that cometh in
name of the Lord. Hofannah in the highest. Mar. ii. 10. *pag 207*

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THE
PREFACE.

I*T is natural for all Men when they are straitned with Fears or actual In felicities, to run for succour to what their Fancy or the next Opportunity presents, as an Instrument of their Ease and Remedy. But that which distinguishes Men in these Cases, is the Choise of their Sanctuary: For to rely upon the Reeds of Egypt, or to snatch at the Bulrushes of Nilus, may well become a drowning Man, whose Reason is so wholly invaded and surprized by Fear, as to be useless to him in that Confusion: But he whose Condition (although it be sad) is still under the Mastery of Reason, and hath Time to deliberate, unless he places his Hopes upon something that is likely to cure his Misery, or at least to ease it, by making his Affliction less, or his Patience more, does deserve that Misery he groans under. Stripes and remediless Miseries are the Lot of Fools: But Afflictions that*

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happen to wise Men or good Men represent indeed the Sadnesses of Mortality, but they become Monuments and Advantages of their Piety and Wisdom.

In this most un-natural War, commenced against the greatest Solemnities of Christianity, and all that is called God, I have been put to it to run some-whither to Sanctuary; but whither, was so great a Question, that had not Religion been my Guide, I had not known where to have found Rest or Safety; when the King and the Laws, who by God and Man respectively are appointed the Protectors of Innocence and Truth, had themselves the greatest need of a Protector. And when in the Beginning of these Troubles I hastened to His Majesty, the Case of the King and His good Subjects was something like that of Isaac, ready to be sacrificed, the Wood was prepared, the Fire kindled, the Knife was lift up, and the Hand was striking; that if we had not been something like Abraham too, and against Hope had believed in Hope we had been as much without Comfort, as we were in outward Appearance without Remedy.

*It was my Custom long since to secure myself against the Violences of Discontents a
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broad, as Gerson did against temptations, in angulis & libellis, in my Books and my Retirements: but now I was deprived of both them, and driven to a publick view and participation of those Dangers and Miseries which threatned the Kingdom and disturbed the evenness of my former life. I was therefore constrained to amass together all those Arguments of hope and comfort, by which Men in the like condition were supported; and amongst all the great examples of trouble and confidence, I reckoned King David one of the biggest, and of greatest consideration. For considering that he was a King vexed with a Civil War, his case had so much of ours in it, that it was likely the Devotions he used might fit our turn, and his comforts sustain us.

And indeed when I came to look upon the Psalter with a nearer observation, and an eye diligent to espy my advantages and remedies there deposited, I found very many Prayers against the Enemies of the King and Church, and the Miseries of War. I found so many admirable Promises, so rare variety of Expressions of the Mercies of God, so many consolatory Hymns, the commemoration of so many Deliverances from

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Dangers, and Deaths, and Enemies, so many Miracles of Mercy and Salvation, that I began to be so confident as to believe there could come no Affliction great enough to spend so great a Stock of Comfort as was laid up in the Treasure of the Psalter: The Saying of St. Paul was here verified, If Sin [and Misery] did abound, then did Grace super-abound: and as we believe of the Passion of Christ, it was so great as to be able to satisfie for a Thousand Worlds; so it is of the Comforts of David's Psalms, they are more than sufficient to repair all the Breaches of Mankind. But for the particular Occasion of creating Confidences in us, that God will defend his Church and his Anointed, and all that trust in him, against all their Enemies, (which was our case, and contained in it all our needs for the present) I found so abundant Supply, that of 150 Psalms, some whereof are Historical, many Eucharistical, many Prophetical, and the rest Prayers for several Occasions, 34 if them are expressly made against God's and our Enemies, 11 expressly for the Church, 4 for the King; that is, a third Part of the Psalms relate particularly to the present Occasion, beside many Clauses
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of respiration in the other, which if collected in one, would of themselves be great Arguments of hope to prevail in so good a cause.

This which experience taught me now, I was promised before by a frequent Testimony of the Doctors of the Church, who give the Psalter such a Character as is due to the best and most useful Book in the whole world: viz. The most profitable of all Books, the Treasury of holy Instructions, consummationem totius paginæ Theologicæ, the perfection of the whole Scripture; so the ordinary Gloss calls it, arma juvenum, parva Biblia, tribulatorum solatia, the young mans Armory, the little Bible, the comfort of the distressed; so others: to be said by all men upon all occasions, is the counsel of the most devout amongst them. But concerning the Psalter there are good words enough, and real observation of advantages in the several Prefaces before the Commentaries upon the Psalms, set forth by the Fathers and Writers of the first and middle Ages. I leave the particular enumeration of them to the learned Divines of our Church, to whom it is more proper: the sum of them is this, which Tertullian alone hath ex-

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pressed in his Apology against the Gentiles, Omnes Bibliothecas, & omnia monumenta unius Prophetæ scrinium vincit, in quo videtur thesaurus collocatus esse totius Judaici Sacramenti, & inde etiam nostri. This Book alone of the Prophet David hath in it some Excellencies beyond all the Monuments of Learning in any Library whatsoever, and is the Store-house both of the Jewish and Christian Religion.

But that which pleases me most is the fancy of S. Hilary, expounding the Psalter to be meant the Key of David, spoken of by S. John in his Revelation: And properly enough: for if we consider how many Mysteries of Religion are opened to us in the Psalter, how many things concerning Christ, what clear vaticinations concerning his Birth, his Priesthood, his Kingdom, his Death, the very Circumstances of his Passion, his Resurrection, and all the degrees of his Exaltation, more clearly and explicitly recorded in the Psalter than in all the old Prophets besides, we may easily believe that Christ with the Key of David in his hand, is nothing else but Christ fully opened and manifested to us in the
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Psalms in the whole mystery of our Redemption. Omnes penè Psalmi Christi personam sustinent, saith Tertullian, Almost all the Psalms represent the Person of Christ. Now this Key of David opens not only the Kingdom of Grace, by revelation of the Mysteries of our Religion, but the Kingdom of Heaven too; it being such a Collection of Prayers, Eucharist, acts of Hope, of Love, of Patience, and all other Christian vertues, that as the everlasting Kingdom is given to the Heir of the House of David, so the honour of opening that Kingdom is given to the first Prince of that Family; the Psalms of his Father David are one of the best inlets into the Kingdom of the Son. Something to this purpose is that Saying of one of the old Doctors, Vox Psalmodiæ si recto corde dirigatur, in tantum omnipotenti Deo aditum ad animum aperit, ut intentæ animæ vel prophetiæ mysteria vel compunctionis spiritum infundat: The saying or singing of Psalms opens a way so wide for God to enter into the heart, that a devout soul does usually from such an employment receive the grace of compunction and contrition, or of understanding Prophecies.

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Upon such premises as these, or better, the Church of God in all Ages hath made David's Psalter the greatest part of her publick and private Devotions; sometimes dividing the Psalter into seven parts, that every Weeks devotion might spend it all.

Sometimes decreeing that it should be said Day and Night. Otherwhile injoining the recitation of the whole Psalter before the celebration of the Blessed Sacrament; and after some time it was made the publick office of the Church.

It was the general use of Christendom to say the Psalms Antiphonatic, by way of Verse and Answer, saith Suidas; and so ancient, that the Religious of S. Mark in Alexandria used it, saith Philo the Jew, and S. Ignatius, or else Flavianus, and Diodorus brought it first into the Church of Antioch.

And for the private Devotions, that they chiefly consisted of the Psalms, we have great probability from the strict requiring it of the Clergy, and particularly from them who came to be ordained, great readines of saying the Psalter by heart. It was S. Hierom's counsel to Rusticus: and when S. Gregory was to ordain the
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Bishop of Ancona, his inquiry concerning his Canonical sufficiency was, if he could say David's Psalms without book, and for a disability of doing it, John the Priest was rejected from the Bishoprick of Ravenna. But this I conceive more relates to their private than to their publick devotions: for I cannot think but that in respect of the publick Liturgy, it was enough for Bishops and Priests to read the Psalms; the requiring ability to remember them was to engage them to a frequent use of so admirable Devotions in their private offices.

But the Psalms were not only of use to the Church, as they lay in their own position and form, but the devout men of several Ages drew them into Collects, Antiphonaries, Responsories, and all other parts of their Devotions. They made their prayers out of the Psalms; their Confessions, their Doxologies, their Ejaculations for the most part were clauses or periods of the Psalter. S. Hierome made a Collection of choice Versicles, and put them together into their several Classes, and that was much of his Devotion; the Collection is still extant under the Name of S. Hierom's

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rom's Psalter. S. Athanasius made an Index of the several Occasions and Matters of Prayer and Eucharist, and fitted Psalms to each particular, that was his Devotion; the Psalms entire as they lay, only he made titles of his own. I have seen of later time a short Hymn of some eight Verses, which are indeed choice Sentences out of several Psalms set together to make a Compendium of Liturgy or Breviary of our Necessity and Devotions, collected by S. Bernardine: it is a very good Copy to be followed. But if we look into the old Liturgies of the Eastern and Western Churches, and where we will almost into the private Devotions of the old Writers, we may say of them in the expression of the Prophet, Hauriebant aquas è fontibus Salvatoris, they drew their waters from the fountains of our blessed Saviour, but through the Limbeck of David.

But the practice of this Devotion I derived from a higher precedent, even of Christ and his Apostles: for before the Passion immediately they sung a Psalm, saith the Scripture: Hymno dicto, saith the vulgar Latine, having recited or said a Psalm. But however, it was
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part of David's Psalter that was sung, it was the great Allelujah, as the Jews called it, beginning at the 113 Psalm, to the 119 exclusively, part of that was sung. But this Devotion continued with our blessed Saviour as long as breath was in him, for when he was upon the Cross, he recited the 22 Psalm ad verbum, saith the Tradition of the Church; and that he began it, saith the Scripture, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? The whole Psalm is rather a History than a prediction of the Passion; and what Tertullian saith of the whole Psalter, is particularly verified of this, Filium ad Patrem, id est, Christum ad Deum verba facientem repræsentat, it represents the Sons address to his Father, that is, Christ speaking to God. Against the example of Christ if we confront the practice of Antichrist, nothing can be said greater in commendation of this manner of Devotion: for B. Hippolytus, in his Oration of the end of the World, saith, that in the days of Antichrist, Psalmorum decantatio cessabit, they shall then no more use the singing or saying of Psalms; which when I had observed, without any further

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ther deliberation I fixed upon the Psalter as the best weapon against him, whose coming we have great reason to believe is not far off, so great preparation is making for him.

From the example of Christ this grew to be a practice Apostolical, and their Devotion came exactly home to the likeness of the design of this very Book: they turned the Psalms into Prayers.

Thus it was said of Paul and Silas, Act 16. They prayed a Psalm, so it is in the Greek; and we have a Copy left us of one of the Prayers or Collects which they made out of the bowels of the second Psalm; it is in the fourth Chapter of the Acts, beginning at the 24. Verse, and ends at the 31. And now I have shown you the reasons of my choice, and the Precedents that I have followed. This last comes home to every circumstance of my Book. I only add this, That since according to the instruction of our blessed Saviour, God is to be worshipped in Spirit and in truth; no worshipping can be more true or more spiritual than the Psalter, said with a pure Mind and a hearty Devotion. For David was God's Instrument to the Church, teaching and admonishing us (as our duty is to each other)

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in Psalms and Hymns and spiritual Songs ; and the Spirit of Truth was the grand Dictator of what David wrote : so that we may confidently use this Devotion as the Church of God ever did, making her addresses to God most frequently by the Psalms : so Prudentius reports the guise of Christendom.

*Hymn 2.
Cathem.* Te mente purâ simplici,
Te voce, te cantu pio,
Rogare curvato genu,
Flendo & canendo discimus.

The Prayers which I have collected out of the Psalms, are nothing else but the matter of the Psalms put into another Mood, and fitted to the necessities of Christendom, and of our selves in particular, according to the first designation or secondary intention of the blessed Spirit : for the use of them could not expire in the person of David, though first occasioned (many of them) by his personal Necessities : for all Scripture was written for our Learning, upon whom the ends of the World are come, (saith the Apostle :) and Christ, and his Apostles, and the Church of all Ages, hath taught us by his Example and Precepts, that the purposes
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of the Holy Ghost were of great extent, and the profits universal both for times and occasions; so also were the Prayers which the Church made out of the Psalms, and sung them in her publick Offices. Saint Austin found great Advantages by such Devotions, as himself witnesses; Cum reminiscor lachrymas meas quas fudi ad cantus Ecclesiæ in primordiis recuperatæ fidei meæ, magnam instituti hujus utilitatem agnosco, When I call to mind the many tears I shed when I heard the Hymns and Psalms of the Church, I cannot but acknowledge the great benefit of this institution.

And yet besides the spiritual sense of an actual Devotion, which is sooner had in this use of the Psalms than of other Prayers, I have had a Meditation that this manner of Devotion might be a good Symbol and instrument of Communion between Christians of a different perswasion: For if we would communicate in the same private Devotions, it were a great degree of Peace and Charity. The Nicene Fathers in their zeal against Heresie, forbade their people to be present at the Prayers of Hereticks: and they had great reason, so long

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*long as they derived their Heresie into their Liturgy, into their very Forms of Baptism. But I am much scandalized, when I see a man refuse to communicate with me in my Prayers, even such as are in his own Breviary or Manual. For methinks it is strange that the Lord's Prayer it self should be unhallowed in the mouth of a Protestant, and yet the whole office from the mouth of one of their Priests, though never so wicked, though a Necromancer, a secret Jew, or any thing, so of their Communion, shall lose no tittle of its sanctity and value. So long as nothing of controversie is brought into our Prayers, (and certainly we may very well pray to God without disputing) and Devotion is not made a party; he that refuseth to joyn with me in what himself confesses true and holy, upon pretence I am a Heretick, will certainly prove himself a Schismatick. For true it is, a Heretick is to be avoided, that is, in his temptation and in his heresie, just as a notorious Fornicator, and Adulterer, a sentenc'd Drunkard, and no more; the Apostles rule excommunicates all alike, with such men no not to eat: and this rule cannot with
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So much ease and certainty be put to practice in the case of Heresie as in the case of Drunkenness, because Heresie is as much harder to be judged as the Soul is more invisible than the Body; especially if we make Heresie to be an error, not in the great Articles of Faith only, but to consist in minutes also: as all they do who refuse to communicate with persons disagreeing even in the smallest Article.

But he that is ready to joyn with all the Societies of Christians in the World in those things which are certainly true, just and pious, gives great probation that he hath at least animum Catholicum, no Schismatical soul, because he would actually communicate with all Christendom, if bona fides in falso articulo, sincere perswasion (be it true or false) did not disoblige him, since he clearly distinguishes persons from things, and in all good things communicates with persons bad enough in others. This is the Communion of Charity, and when the Communion of Belief is interrupted by misperswasion on one side, and too much Confidence and want of Charity on the other, the erring party hath humane infirmity to excuse him, but the uncharitable

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table nothing at all. This therefore is the best and surest way, because we are all apt to be deceived, to be sincere in our disquisitions, modest in our determinations, charitable in our censures, and apt to communicate in things of evident Truth and confessed Holiness. And such is this Devotion, the whole matter whereof is the Psalms of David, and the Prayers symbolical, and alike in substance, and of the same expression throughout, where it is not altered by circumstances.

So that I thought I might not imprudently intend this Book as an Instrument of publick Charity to Christians of different Confessions. For I see that all sorts of People sing or say David's Psalms, and by that use, if they understand the consequences of their own Religion, accept set Forms of Prayer for their Liturgy, and this Form in special is one of their own choices for Devotion; so that if all Christians that think David's Psalms lawful Devotions, and shall observe the Collects from them to be just of the same Religion, would join in this or the like Form, I am something confident the product would be Charity, besides other spiritual advantages. For my own
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particular, since all Christendom is so much divided and subdivided into innumerable Sects, I knew not how to give a better evidence of my own belief, and love of the Communion of Saints, and detestation of Schism, than by an Act of Religion, whose consequence might be (if men please) the advancement of an universal Communion. For in that which is most concerning, and is the best preserver of Charity, I mean practical Devotion and active Piety, the Differences of Christendom are not so great and many, to make an eternal disunion and fracture; and if we instance in Prayer, there is none at all abroad (some indeed we have commenced at home) but in the great divisions of Christendom none at all, but concerning the object of our Prayers and Adorations. For the Socinian shuts up the Holy Ghost from his Litanies, and places the Son of God in a lower form of Address. But concerning him, I must say as S. Paul said of the unbelievers, What have I to do with them that are without?

For this very thing, that they disbelieve the Article of the holy Trinity, they make themselves incapable of the communion of other Christian people of the Nicene Faith,
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and we cannot so much as joyn with them in good Prayers, because we are not agreed concerning the Persons to whom our Devotions must be addressed; and Christendom never did so lightly esteem the Article of the holy Trinity, as not to glory in it, and confess it publickly, and express it in all our offices. The Holy Ghost together with the Father and the Son must be worshipped and glorified.

But since all Christians of any publick Confessions and Government, that is, all particular and national Churches, agree in the matter of Prayers and the great Object, God in the Mystery of the Trinity, if the Church of Rome would make her Addresses to God only, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and leave the Saints in the Calendar, without drawing them into her Offices (which they might do without any prejudice to the suits they ask, unless Christ's intercession without their conjuncture were imperfect) that we might all once pray together, we might hope for the Blessings of Peace and Charity to be upon us all. I am sure they that have commenced this War against the King and the Church, first fell out with our Liturgy, and refused to joyn with us in our Prayers: I
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have therefore a strong perswasion, that if we were joyned in our Prayers, we should quickly be united in Affections: and to this purpose I have some reason to believe this Psalter may do good service.

For I have seen an Essay of this Design made by that prudent and pious Moderator of Controversies, George Cassander, who did much for the Peace of Christendom. When disagreeing Interests and Opinions made the great Schism in the Western Churches; he puts forth Devotions, and with them Collects to each Psalm. But I said, it was a meer Essay, they are short of what he could have done: but when I saw his Name at them, I guessed what every man else would have guessed concerning him, it was a pursuance of his great design for Peace and Charity.

*I have seen three more: the first by an old Saxon Priest or Bishop, in which there is nothing of offence, nothing but pious and Primitive for the matter; but the Collects so short, that the Psalm did scarce pass through the Prayer; so little of the reli-
gion is left, that the percolation is scarce discernable.*

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A second was printed at Lyons 1545. without the Author's name, with a complying design of avoiding all offence, and a not ingaging of God in our Scholastical wranglings, but quite contrary to the Saxon: the Prayers are so full of Paraphrase, that I resolved to go further, and see if I could speed better; and at last met with a Psalter printed lately at Antwerp by Command, very fairly indeed, with a Title and a Collect to every Psalm, all free from dispute and partaking in the Questions of Christendom, not so much as a gust or relish of his own party till the Psalter be done, the Prayers all good: and here I had fixed, but that I had found them very often to be impertinent. But that which I observed in all these, is that the design seems alike, and they are a form of Devotion made for no private Sect, but for the benefit of all Christian people; which the Authoe of the Antwerp Psalter declines in his Additional Devotions, where he brings in Litanies to Saints as grossly, as he had before avoided it with discretion.

*If any Man's Piety receives advantage by this intendment, it is what I wish: but I desire that his Charity might increase too, and that he would say a hearty Prayer, when
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his Devotion grows high and pregnant, for me and my Family; for I am more desirous my posterity should be pious than honourable. I have no ends of my own to serve, but to purchase an interest of Prayers; for I would fain have these Devotions go out into a Blessing to all them that shall use them, and yet return into my own bosom too: and if I may but receive the Blessings of the Psalter, even the sure mercies of David, it will be like the reward of five Cities for the improvement of a few talents; I shall venture again in a greater Negotiation, and traffick for ten Talents; for there is no honour so great as to serve God in a great Capacity; and though I wait not at the Altar, yet I will pay there such Oblations of my Time and Industry, as I can redeem from the Services of his Majesty, and the Impertinencies of my own Life.



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WITH
TITLES and COLLECTS
Fitted to each PSALM, &c.

The First Day of the Month.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM I.

A Prayer that we may continually meditate in God's Law, and have no Fellowship with wicked persons in the manner of their Living or Dying.

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners, and hath not sit in the seat of the scornful :

2. But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his Law will he exercise himself day and night.

3. And he shall be like a tree planted by the water side, that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

4. His leaf also shall not wither: and look whatsoever he doth shall prosper.

5 As for the ungodly, it is not so with them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgment, neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

7 But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

The PRAYER.

O Holy Jesu, fountain of all blessing, the Word of the eternal Father, be pleased to sow the good seed of thy Word in our hearts, and water it with the dew of thy divinest Spirit; that while we exercise our selves in it day and night, we may be like a tree planted by the water side, bringing forth in all times and seasons the fruits of a holy conversation; that we may never walk in the way of sinners, nor have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but that when this life is ended, we may have our portion in the Congregation of the righteous, and may be able to stand upright in judgment, through the supporting arm of thy mercy, O blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesu. *Amen.*

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A Prayer to promote Christ's Kingdom, and for grace to serve him with fear and reverence.

WH Y do the heathen so furiously rage together? and why do the people imagine a vain thing?
2. The kings of the earth stand up, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed.

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3 Let us break their bonds asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4. He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to scorn: the Lord shall have them in derision.

5. Then he shall speak unto them in his wrath: and vex them in his sore displeasure.

6. Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Sion.

7. I will preach the law whereof the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

8 Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9 Thou shalt bruite them with a rod of iron, and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings; be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord in fear; and rejoice unto him with reverence.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so ye perish from the right way: if his wrath be kindled (yea but a little) blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

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O Blessed Jesu, into whose hands is committed all dominion and power in the Kingdoms and Empires of the World, out of whose mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it thou mightest smite the Nations, and rule them with a rod of iron, on whose vesture and on whose thigh a name is written, King of kings and Lord of lords; we adore thee in thy infinite excellency and most glorious exaltation, beseeching thee to reveal thy Name and the glory of thy Kingdom to the Heathen which know thee not, and to the uttermost parts of the earth, which are given thee for thy possession

session and inheritance. And to us give thy grace to serve thee in fear, and plant the reverence of thy law and of thy name in our hearts; lest thy wrath be kindled against us, and thou break us in pieces like vessels of dishonour. Have mercy on us, O King of kings, for we have put our trust in thee: thou art our Saviour and Redeemer Jesu. *Amen.*

P S A L M III.

*A Prayer for defence against all our enemies,
Bodily and Ghostly.*

Lord, how are they increased that trouble me? many are they that rise up against me.

2 Many one there be that say of my soul, There is no help for him in his God.

3 But thou, O Lord, art my defender: thou art my worship, and the lifter up of mine head.

4 I did call upon the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill.

5 I laid me down and slept, and rose up again: for the Lord sustained me.

6 I will not be afraid for ten thousands of people that have set themselves against me round about.

7 Up, Lord, and help me, O my God: for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek bone, thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: and thy blessing is upon thy people.

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O Lord our defender, have pity upon us: behold, the armies of the Flesh, the World and the Devil fight against our Souls,
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and multiply against us every day temptations and disadvantages. We are not able of our selves, as of our selves, to think a good thought, much less to put to flight the armies of them that have set themselves against us round about. But thou, O Lord, art our defender, thou art our worship, and the lifter up of our heads. Up, Lord, and help us: arm us with the shield of faith, and the sword of the Spirit, and in all times of temptation and battle cover our heads with the helmet of Salvation: so shall we not be afraid for ten thousands of our enemies: for salvation belongeth unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM IV.

A Prayer in which we exercise an act of hope in God, and desire his providence over us.

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness, for thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me and hearken unto my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour, and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing.

3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly: when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart and in your chamber, and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There be many that say, Who will shew us any good?

7 Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

8 Thou hast put gladness in mine heart since the time that their corn and wine and oyl increased.

9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest : for it is thou, Lord, only that makest me to dwell in safety.

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O God, who art the author of all righteousness, from whom all grace and safety and glory does proceed, hear the prayers of thy humble servants whensoever we call upon thee in our trouble ; for our trust is in thee alone, and no creature can shew us any good unless it derives from thee : shew the light of thy countenance upon us, let thy providence guide all our actions and sufferings to thy glory and our spiritual benefit, and consign us to the blessedness of thy Kingdom by the testimony of thy holy Spirit ; that we may not place our joys and hopes upon the good things of this life which perish and cannot satisfie, but in the eternal fountain of all true felicities ; that thou being our treasure, our hearts may be fixed upon thee by the bands of Charity and Obedience ; that thou mayst make us to dwell in safety here, and when our days are done, we may lay us down in peace and take our rest in thy arms, expecting the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PSALM V.

A Prayer for a blessing upon all pious people, and for protection against the malice of wicked men.

Ponder my words, O Lord; consider my meditation.
2 O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God: for unto thee will I make my prayer.

3 My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord: early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness: neither shall any evil dwell with thee.

5 Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight: for thou hatest all them that work vanity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, I will come into thy house, even upon the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies: make thy way plain before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in his mouth: their inward parts are very wickedness.

10 Their throat is an open sepulchre: they flatter with their tongue.

11 Destroy thou them, O God, let them perish through their own imaginations: cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness, for they have rebelled against thee.

12 And let all them that put their trust in thee, rejoice: they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them: they that love thy name shall be joyful in thee.

13 For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous: and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him, as with a shield.

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O Most holy and blessed Lord God, who canst take no pleasure in wickedness, neither can evil come nigh thy dwelling; defend us and all thy holy Church from the fraud and malice of blood-thirsty and deceitful men, and from the crafty insinuations of all them that work vanity: but let thy blessings be upon the righteous, and let thy favourable kindness defend thy whole Church as with a shield; that all those who put their trust in thy mercy, may be ever giving of thanks, and may be joyful in thee. O lead us in thy righteousness, that we may become not a rejoicing to our enemies; but that we may worship thee in fear, and come into thy house to make our prayers unto thee, and to give thee thanks for the multitude of thy mercies, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

P-S A L M VI.

A Prayer of a penitent person for remission of his sins.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation: neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul is also sore troubled: but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?

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4 Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for thy mercies sake.

5 For in death no man remembreth thee: and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

6 I am weary of my groaning, every night wash I my bed, and water my couch with my tears.

7 My beauty is gone for very trouble: and worn away because of all mine enemies.

8 Away from me all ye that work vanity: for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The Lord hath heard my petition: the Lord will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confounded and sore vexed: they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

The PRAYER.

O Most merciful God, whose property is always to have mercy and to forgive; behold with the eyes of thy pity and compassion the state of thy humble servants made most miserable by reason of our sins. Hear the voice of our weeping, pity our groaning, strengthen us, for we are weak, heal us, for our bones are vexed; and deliver our souls from death, that being saved from the bottomless pit, we may give thanks to thy holy Name. O turn from the severity of thy displeasure and visit us with thy mercy and salvation. For all our sins give us a great sorrow and contrition; and in our sorrows let thy comforts sustain us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM VII.

A Prayer for defence of our Innocence against the unjust molestation of our enemies.

O Lord my God, in thee have I put my trust : save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me.

2 Lest he devour my soul like a lion, and tear it in pieces while there is none to help.

3 O Lord my God, if I have done any such thing, or if there be any wickedness in my hands.

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me ; (yea, I have delivered him that without any cause is mine enemy ;)

5 Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me : yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust.

6 Stand up, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift up thy self : because of the indignation of mine enemies, arise up for me in the judgment that thou hast commanded.

7 And so shall the congregation of the people come about thee : for their sakes therefore lift up thy self again.

8 The Lord shall judge the People : give sentence with me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to the innocency that is in me.

9 O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end : but guide thou the just.

10 For the righteous God trieth the very hearts and reins.

11 My help cometh of God, which preserveth them that are true of heart.

12 God is a righteous Judge, strong and patient : and God is provoked every day.

13 If a man will not turn, he will whet his sword : he hath bent his bow and made it ready.

14 He hath prepared for him the instruments of death : he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

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15 Behold he travelleth with mischief: he hath conceived sorrow, and brought forth ungodliness.

16 He hath graven and digged up a pit: and is fallen himself into the destruction that he made for others.

17 For his travail shall come upon his own head: and his wickedness shall fall on his own pate.

18 I will give thanks unto the Lord according to his righteousness, and will praise the name of the Lord the most High.

The PRAYER.

O God from whom cometh our help, thou art a righteous Judge, and preservest all that are true of heart: deliver us from our persecutors who travail with mischief against us, and have digged a pit for our destruction. O let their wickedness and malicious devices against thy servants come utterly to an end for evermore. Thou, O Lord, art strong and able to take vengeance, and yet being provoked every day, still art patient towards us and compassionate. Deliver us from their wrath to whom we have done no injustice or displeasure: pardon our offences against thee, and protect our innocency against them; that we may praise thy name, and give thanks unto thee for thy righteousness and salvation, who art blessed for evermore. *Amen.*

PSALM VIII.

A Contemplation of the Divine beauty and excellency manifested in his Creatures.

O Lord our Governour, how excellent is thy name in all the world! thou hast set thy glory above the heavens.

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2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies: that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 For I will consider the heavens, even the works of thy fingers: the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained.

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him: and the son of man that thou visitest him?

5 Thou madest him lower than the Angels, to crown him with glory and worship.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands: and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field.

8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea: and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord our governour, how excellent is thy name in all the world!

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, Father of men and Angels; God of all the Creatures, who hast created all things in a wonderful order, and hast made them all conveyances of thy mercies to mankind; give us great and dreadful apprehensions of thy glory and immensity, thy Majesty and mercy, that we may adore thee as our Creator, love thee as our Redeemer, fear thee as our God, obey thee as our Governour, and praise thee as the Author and fountain of all perfections, and all good which thou hast communicated to thy creatures, that they may all in their proportions do thee service, who hast to that end made the World, and redeemed us by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM IX.

*A Prayer of poor and oppressed people against
their persecutors.*

I Will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: yea my songs will I make of thy name, O thou most Highest.

3 While mine enemies are driven back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause: thou art set in the throne that judgest right.

5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly: thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

6 O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: even as the cities which thou hast destroyed, their memorial is perished with them.

7 But the Lord shall endure for ever: he hath also prepared his seat for judgment.

8 For he shall judge the world in righteousness, and minister true judgment unto the people.

9 The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed, even a refuge in due time of trouble.

10 And they that know thy name, will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee.

11 O praise the Lord, which dwelleth in Sion: shew the people of his doings.

12 For when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.

13 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, consider the trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liitest me up from the gates of death.

14 That I may shew all thy praises within the ports of the daughter of Sion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the same net which they hid privily, is their foot taken.

16 The Lord is known to execute judgment: the ungodly is trapped in the work of his own hands.

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the people that forget God.

18 For the poor shall not alway be forgotten: the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever.

19 Up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand: let the heathen be judged in thy fight.

20 Put them in fear (O Lord :) that the heathen may know themselves to be but men.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, who art a defence for the oppressed, and a refuge in due time of trouble, have mercy upon us thy servants, who are violently assaulted by enemies without, and weakneses and temptations within. Thou never failest them that seek thee, but lovest to hear the poor make their complaint unto thee in their trouble, and art known to execute judgment upon them that oppress them. Pity us, and look upon the trouble we suffer of them that hate us: deliver us from the strivings of our adversaries, lift us up from the gates of death; that being safe under thy mercies and protection, we may give thanks unto thee with our spirits and voices, we may embrace

brace thee with a lively faith, fear thee with all our hearts, serve thee with all our powers and faculties both of soul and body all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

PSALM X.

A Prayer to God in times of Persecution and War against the Church.

WH Y standest thou so far off, (O Lord) and hidest thy face in the needful time of trouble?

2. The ungodly for his own lust doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the crafty wiliness that they have imagined.

3 For the ungodly hath made boast of his own hearts desire, and speaketh good of the covetous whom God abhorreth.

4 The ungodly is so proud that he careth not for God: neither is God in all his thoughts.

5 His ways are alway grievous: thy judgments are far above out of his sight, and therefore desieth he all his enemies.

6 For he hath said in his heart, Tush, I shall never be cast down; there shall no harm happen unto me.

7 His mouth is full of cursing, deceit and fraud; under his tongue is ungodliness and vanity.

8 He sitteth lurking in the theevish corners of the streets: and privily in his lurking dens doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are set against the poor.

9 For he lieth waiting secretly: even as a lion lurketh he in his den, that he may ravish the poor.

10 He doth ravish the poor when he getteth him into his net.

11 He falleth down and humbleth himself, that the congregation of the poor may fall into the hand of his Captains.

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12 He hath said in his heart, Tush, God hath forgotten: he hideth away his face, and he will never see it.

13 Arise (O Lord God) and lift up thine hand: forget not the poor.

14 Wherefore should the wicked blaspheme God, while he doth say in his heart, Tush, thou God carest not for it?

15 Surely thou hast seen it: for thou beholdest ungodliness and wrong.

16 That thou mayest take the matter into thine hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; for thou art the helper of the friendless.

17 Break thou the power of the ungodly and malicious: take away his ungodliness and thou shalt find none.

18 The Lord is King for ever and ever: and the heathen are perished out of the land.

19 Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the poor: thou preparest their heart, and thine ear hearkeneth thereto.

20 To help the fatherless and poor unto their right: that the man of the earth be no more exalted against them.

The PRAYER.

○ Lord God, who beholdest all the actions of men, and seest all the ungodliness of sinners, and the wrong they do unto thy servants, we fly unto thee for succour and defence in this our needful time of trouble. Behold, O Lord, how the Enemies of thy Church have set their eyes against her, and use all violences and arts that thy poor servants may fall under the hands of their Captains. Thou seest their malice and their confidences: they fear thee not, neither art thou, O God, in all their thoughts. But thou art our King for ever and
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ever, and the helper of the friendless. We commit our selves wholly to thy mercy and providence ; take the matter into thine own hand. Let them perish out of the land that are exalted against thee and against thy Church : that we being delivered from fear of our enemies, may serve thee with constant and regular devotions all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM XI.

An address to God by way of hope and confidence in him, and a Prayer against our secret enemies.

IN the Lord put I my trust : how say you then to my soul, that she should flee as a bird unto the hill ?

2 For lo, the ungodly bend their Bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver : that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.

3 For the foundations will be cast down : and what hath the righteous done ?

4 The Lord is in his holy temple : the Lords seat is in heaven.

5 His eyes consider the poor : and his eye-lids try the children of men.

6 The Lord alloweth the righteous : but the ungodly and him that delighteth in wickedness doth his soul abhor.

7 Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest : this shall be their portion to drink.

8 For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness : his countenance will behold the thing that is just.

The PRAYER.

O Lord, who art our hope and our refuge, and the exceeding great reward of all that trust in thee, have mercy upon us thy servants, who have no confidences but upon thy mercies and infinite loving kindness. Defend us from all secret plots and designs, intended against our peace and securities by them that privily shoot at us, and would overthrow the foundations of our repose and safety. And that we may be better intitled to thy protection and care over us, make us to love righteousness, and to follow the things that are just: that by thy grace we being defended from taking delight in wickedness, may also be delivered from the portion of the ungodly which thou givest them to drink; upon whom thou rainest snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest. Deliver us, O Lord, from the eternal pressure of thy wrath, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XII.

A Prayer for defence against the dangers of evil company.

Help me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left; for the faithful are diminished from among the children of men.

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2 They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour : they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble with their double heart.

3 The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things.

4 Which have said, With our tongue we will prevail : we are they that ought to speak : who is Lord over us ?

5 Now for the comfortless troubles sake of the needy, and because of the deep sighing of the poor,

6 I will up (saith the Lord) and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set them at rest.

7 The words of the Lord are pure words : even as the silver which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.

8 Thou shalt keep them, O Lord : thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.

9 The ungodly walk on every side : when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.

The PRAYER.

O Most blessed Jesu, who in thy eternal providence dost suffer the tares and the wheat to grow together until the harvest, permitting hereticks and vicious persons to communicate in the external society of thy people ; grant us thy grace, that we may so believe and heartily obey all thy pure words and dictates which thou hast taught us in thy holy Gospel, that we may be kept unspotted of the World ; and although the ungodly walk on every side, yet we may persevere in the ways of righteousness, and increase the number of the godly, that at last we may be admitted into the glorious fellowship of Saints and Angels,

gels, who behold thy face and the glories of thy Kingdom, where thou livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, eternal God, world without end. *Amen.*

P S A L M XIII.

A Prayer in time of temptation.

HOW long wilt thou forget me (O Lord) for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

3 Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

5 But my trust is in thy mercy: and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

6 I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me: yea, I will praise the name of the Lord most Highest.

The PRAYER.

O God the giver of all grace, the Author of all ghostly strength, look with compassion upon our infirmities, and how unequally we are assaulted by many, by powerful, by malicious adversaries. How long, O Lord, how long shall we seek for rest and find none? O give us either peace or victory, and preserve us that we sleep not in the death of sin, lest our grand enemy the Devil say, he hath prevailed

vailed against us. Our trust is in thy mercy, and thy delight is in it : strengthen us so with thy grace, that we may fight a good fight, and conquer, and be crowned with a crown of righteousness, which we beg we may receive from the hands and by the mercies of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PSALM XIV.

A Prayer against Atheism and Irreligion.

THE fool hath said in his Heart, There is no God.
2 They are corrupt and become abominable in their doings : there is not one that doth good, (no not one.)

3 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.

4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable : there is none that doth good, no not one.

5 Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they deceived : the poyson of asps is under their lips.

6 Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness : their feet are swift to shed blood.

7 Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways, and the way of peace have they not known : there is no fear of God before their eyes.

8 Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief, eating up my people as it were bread ;

9 And call not upon the Lord? there were they brought in great fear (even where no fear was :) for God is in the generation of the righteous.

10 As for you, you have made a mock at the counsel of the poor : because he putteth his trust in the Lord.

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11 Who shall give Salvation unto Israel out of Sion: When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people, then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

The PRAYER.

O Eternal God, Creator of the World, Conserver of the Creatures, whose essence and goodness and perfections are infinite, and made so manifest in the creation, order, protection and disposition of thy creatures, that without the greatest sin and folly in the world, we cannot but acknowledge thee, and adore thee with the lowest adorations of soul and body, and with the most profound humility: preserve us, O Lord, in great Religion, veneration and reverence of thy Divine perfections. Keep us from all distrust of thy providence, all doubtings of thy infiniteness, or of any other article of our faith; and grant that we confessing thee before all the World, may be acknowledged for thy children, and rewarded among thy servants, not for our righteousness, but through the merits and mercies of our dearest Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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PSALM XV.

Which is a short rule of a good life, and a desire of innocency and sanctity.

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

2. Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, and doth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

3 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour: and hath not slandered his neighbour.

4. He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes, and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

5 He that sweareth unto his neighbour and disappointeth him not, though it were to his own hinderance.

6 He that hath not given his money upon usury, nor taken reward against the innocent.

7 Whoso doth these things, shall never fall.

The PRAYER

O Lord, let thy mercy preserve us in holiness and innocency; or if through infirmity we fall, make us to rise again by penitence: that we may lead an uncorrupt life with humility, and truth, and justice, not slandering our neighbour, not invading his right, not breaking our trust, not oppressing
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the indigent and necessitous, but doing good to all, and especially making much of them that fear the Lord; that we may never fall from thy favour, but at the end of our weary pilgrimage, we may take our rest upon thy holy hill, and dwell in thy tabernacle where thou reignest with infinite glory and felicities, God eternal, world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM XVI.

A Prayer for the blessing of Gods Providence and preservation in this life, and for glory hereafter.

Preserve me, O God: for in thee have I put my trust.
 2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.

3 All my delight is upon the Saints that are in the earth, and upon such as excel in vertue.

4 But they that run after another God, shall have great trouble.

5 Their drink-offerings of bloud will I not offer: neither make mention of their names within my lips.

6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou shalt maintain my lot.

7 The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground: yea, I have a goodly heritage.

8 I will thank the Lord for giving me warning: my reins also chasten me in the night season.

9 I have set God always before me: for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

10 Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

11 For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell: neither shalt thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption.

12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is the fulness of joy; and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

The PRAYER.

O God, who art the portion of our Inheritance, our God and our preserver, preserve and maintain all those good things which thou hast wrought in us and for us; and that we may never fall, give us thy grace, that we may set thee always before us, rejoicing in thee, and delighting in the Saints that are upon the earth: that when our flesh shall see corruption, our souls may not be left in hell, but may walk in the paths of life; and in the day of the restitution of all things, both bodies and souls may have a goodly heritage, even the lot of thy right hand, where there is pleasure for evermore, and where we may see thy face, and the glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PSALM XVII.

A Prayer for protection against the injuries of our Enemies, bodily and ghostly.

Hear the right, O Lord, consider my complaint: and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence: and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is equal.

3 Thou hast proved and visited mine heart in the night season, thou hast tried me, and shalt find no wickedness in me: for I am utterly purposed that my youth shall not offend.

4 Because of mens works that are done against the words of my lips: I have kept me from the ways of the destroyer.

5 O hold thou my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

6 I have called upon thee, O God, for thou shalt hear me: encline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words.

7 Shew thy marvellous loving kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them which put their trust in thee from such as resist thy right hand.

8 Keep me as the apple of an eye: hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

9 From the ungodly that trouble me: mine enemies compass me round about, to take away my soul.

10 They are inclosed in their own fat: and their mouth speaketh proud things.

11 They lie waiting in our way on every side, turning their eyes down to the ground.

12 Like as a lion that is greedy of his prey: and as it were a lions whelp lurking in secret places.

13 Up, Lord, disappoint him, and cast him down: deliver my soul from the ungodly, which is a sword of thine:

14 From the men of thy hand, O Lord; from the men, I say, and from the evil world, which have their portion in this life, whose bellies thou fillest with thy hid treasure.

15 They have children at their desire, and leave the rest of their substance for their babes.

16 But as for me, I will behold thy presence in righteousness: and when I awake up after thy likeness, I shall be satisfied with it.

The PRAYER.

O Most merciful Jesu, thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee, defend us and deliver us from the hands of all our enemies; and although they are a sword of thine, and an instrument sent from thee

thee to chastise us for our sins, yet arise, O Lord, in mercy and strength; disappoint them and cast them down, lest they destroy our souls; that when thou hast visited us with thy fatherly correction, and tried us like as silver is tried, thou mayest find no wickedness in us. Sanctifie our hearts and lips, that we may not think a thought displeasing unto thee, and that our mouth may not offend. Keep us as the apple of an eye, hide us under the shadow of thy wings of mercy and providence: keep us from the ways of the destroyer, and hold up our goings in thy paths, that we may persevere in righteousness, and our footsteps may not slip; that in the day of the resurrection of the Just, we may behold thy presence, and receive infinite satisfactions in the vision beatifical. Grant this, O merciful Saviour and Redeemer Jesu. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XVIII.

A Prayer for strength and victory in War, temporal or spiritual, together with an act of hope and confidence in God.

I Will love thee (O Lord) my strength: the Lord is my stony rock and my defence, my Saviour, my God and my might, in whom I will trust, my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

² I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised: so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

3 The sorrows of death compassed me : and the overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.

4 The pains of hell came about me : the snares of death overtook me.

5 In my trouble I will call upon the Lord, and complain unto my God.

6 So shall he hear my voice out of his holy temple : and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter even into his ears.

7 The earth trembled and quaked : the very foundations also of the hills shook and were removed, because he was wroth.

8 There went a smoak out of his presence : and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.

9 He bowed the heavens also and came down : and it was dark under his feet.

10 He rode upon the cherubims, and did flie : he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his secret place : his pavilion round about him, with dark water, and thick clouds to cover him.

12 At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed : hailstones and coals of fire.

13 The Lord also thundred out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder : hailstones and coals of fire.

14 He sent out his arrows and scattered them : he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.

15 The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations of the round world were discovered at thy chiding, O Lord : at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure.

16 He shall send down from on high to fetch me : and shall take me out of many waters.

17 He shall deliver me from my strongest enemies and from them that hate me : for they are too mighty for me.

18 They prevented me in the day of my trouble : but the Lord was my upholder.

19 He brought me forth also into a place of liberty : he brought me forth, even because he had a favour unto me.

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20 The Lord shall reward me after my righteous dealing: according to the cleanness of my hands shall he recompense me.

21 Because I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not forsaken my God as the wicked doth.

22 For I have an eye unto all his laws, and will not cast out his commandments from me.

23 I was also uncorrupt before him, and eschewed mine own wickedness.

24 Therefore shall the Lord reward me after my righteous dealing: and according unto the cleanness of my hands in his eye-sight.

25 With the holy thou shalt be holy: and with a perfect man thou shalt be perfect.

26 With the clean thou shalt be clean: and with the froward thou shalt learn frowardness.

27 For thou shalt save the people that are in adversity, and shalt bring down the high looks of the proud.

28 Thou shalt also light my candle: the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light.

29 For in thee I shall discomfit an host of men: and with the help of my God I shall leap over the wall.

30 The way of God is an undefiled way: the word of the Lord also is tried in the fire: he is the defender of all them that put their trust in him.

31 For who is God but the Lord? or who hath any strength except our God?

32 It is God that girdeth me with strength of war, and maketh my way perfect.

33 He maketh my feet like harts feet: and setteth me up on high.

34 He teacheth my hands to fight: and mine arm shall break even a bow of steel.

35 Thou hast given me the defence of thy salvation: thy right hand also shall hold me up, and thy loving correction shall make me great.

36 Thou shalt make room enough under me for to go, that my footsteps shall not slide.

37 I will follow upon mine enemies and overtake them: neither will I turn again till I have destroyed them.

38 I will smite them, that they shall not be able to stand, but fall under my feet.

39 Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle; thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.

40 Thou hast made mine enemies also to turn their backs upon me: and I shall destroy them that hate me.

41 They shall cry, but there shall be none to help them: yea, even unto the Lord shall they cry, but he shall not hear them.

42 I will beat them as small as the dust before the wind: I will cast them out as the clay in the streets.

43 Thou shalt deliver me from the strivings of the people: and thou shalt make me the head of the heathen.

44 A people whom I have not known shall serve me.

45 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: but the strange children shall dissemble with me.

46 The strange children shall fail, and be afraid out of their prisons.

47 The Lord liveth, and blessed be my strong help, and praised be the God of my salvation.

48 Even the God that seeth that I be avenged, and subdueth the people unto me.

49 It is he that delivereth me from (cruel) enemies, and setteth me up above mine adversaries: thou shalt rid me from the wicked man.

50 For this cause will I give thanks unto thee (O Lord) among the Gentiles, and sing praises unto thy Name.

51 Great prosperity giveth he unto his King, and sheweth loving kindness unto David his anointed, and unto his seed for evermore.

The PRAYER.

O God our Saviour, the rock upon whom all our hopes are built, our strength and defence, our salvation and our refuge; hear our voice out of thy holy temple, let our complaint come before thee and enter even into thy

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thy ears. The sorrows of death compass us, and we are afraid, because of the overflowings of ungodliness. Our enemies are strong, yea, they are too mighty for us, and we have no hope to escape, unless thou preventest them in the day of our trouble, and deliverest us from the strivings of our enemies. But in thee, O Lord, is our hope; do thou teach our hands to fight, and gird us with strength unto the Battel, Make us to have an eye unto all thy laws, that we may eschew our own wickedness, and be uncorrupt before thee: then shalt thou give us the defence of thy salvation, and we shall give thanks unto thee, O Lord, and sing praise unto thy Name, who art become our strong helper, and the God of our salvation, which thou hast given unto us in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM XIX.

A Prayer for the preservation from sin, and for love of God's Law.

THE Heavens declare the glory of God: and the Firmament sheweth his handy-work.

2 One day telleth another, and one night certifieth another.

3 There is neither speech nor language: but their voices are heard among them.

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4 Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words unto the ends of the world.

5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the Sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law : converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth ? O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled and innocent from the great offence.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be alway acceptable in thy sight.

15 O Lord, my strength : and my Redeemer.

The PRAYER.

O Most blessed Jesu, thou Son of righteousness, who camest forth from the bosom of thy eternal Father, as a Bridegroom out of his chamber, be pleased to plant in our hearts the fear of the Lord, and in our bodies the purity

purity and cleanness of chastity, and make them to abide there for ever. Lighten our eyes with the light of thy Gospel, and the bright revelation of thy whole will and pleasure; that so being guided by thy grace, we may be cleansed from all our secret sins, and preserv'd from presumptuous and great offences: so shall the thoughts and meditations of our heart, the words of our mouth, and all our actions be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord our Saviour, our strength and our Redeemer Jesus. *Amen.*

PSALM XX.

A Prayer that God would hear our petitions which we make to him in times of trouble.

THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble: the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

2 Send thee help from the Sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Sion.

3 Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice:

4 Grant thee thy hearts desire, and fulfil all thy mind.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the name of the Lord our God: the Lord perform all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the Lord helpeth his anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven, even with the wholsom strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen and stand upright.

9 Save, Lord, and hear us, O King of heaven, when we call upon thee;

The PRAYER.

O King of Heaven, who art the health and strength of our right hand, have mercy upon us, and hear us when we call upon thee: let our prayers come into thy presence like a burnt-offering of a sweet savour: for in all our troubles we disclaim all confidences in any of thy creatures, and remember thy Name only, O Lord our God. Teach us what to ask, and how to come into thy presence, that we may never beg of thee any thing but what is agreeable to thy will, and may then promote thy glory when thou suppliest our necessities, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PSALM XXI.

A Prayer for the King.

THE King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord, exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation.

2 Thou hast given him his hearts desire, and hast not denied him the request of his lips.

3 For thou shalt prevent him with the blessings of goodness, and shalt set a Crown of pure gold upon his head.

4 He asked life of thee, and thou gavest him a long life, even for ever and ever.

5 His honour is great in thy salvation: glory and great worship shalt thou lay upon him.

6 For thou shalt give him everlasting felicity, and make him glad with the joy of thy countenance.

7 And why? because the King putteth his trust in the Lord: and in the mercy of the most Highest he shall not miscarry.

8 All thine enemies shall feel thine hand: thy right hand shall find out them that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them like a fiery oven in time of thy wrath: the Lord shall destroy them in his displeasure, and the fire shall consume them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou root out of the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.

11 For they intended mischief against thee, and imagined such a device as they are not able to perform.

12 Therefore shalt thou put them to flight: and the strings of thy bow shalt thou make ready against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

The PRAYER.

O Eternal God, King of kings, and Lord of lords, have mercy upon thy servant the King: as thou hast set a Crown of gold upon his head, and given him power and command to rule thy people with justice and piety, so do thou hear the request of his lips, grant him the desire of his heart, and prevent both his desires and requests with the blessing of thy goodness: give him great honour and reverence in the sight of his People, and of all the Nations round about: let all his enemies feel thine hand, and put them to flight that rise up against him: that, when thou hast given him the blessings of a long life and prosperous, and made him glad with the joy of thy countenance, at last he may be crowned with everlasting felicity, and reign with thee in thy eternal Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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PSALM XXII.

A Meditation upon the Passion of our Blessed Saviour.

MY God, my God, (look upon me) why hast thou forsaken me? and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

2 O my God, I cry in the day time, but thou hearest not: and in the night season also I take no rest.

3 And thou continuest holy, O thou worship of Israel.

4 Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

5 They called upon thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

6 But as for me, I am a worm, and no man: a very scorn of men, and the out-cast of the people.

7 All they that see me, laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

8 He trusted in God, that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, if he will have him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of my mothers womb: thou wast my hope when I hanged yet upon my mothers breasts.

10 I have been left unto thee ever since I was born: thou art my God even from my mothers womb.

11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to help me.

12 Many oxen are come about me: fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths, as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

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15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums: and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

16 For (many) dogs are come about me: and the counsel of the wicked layeth siege against me.

17 They pierced my hands and my feet, I may tell all my bones: they stand staring and looking upon me:

18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord: thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword: my darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lions' mouth: thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.

22 I will declare thy Name unto my brethren: in the midst of the Congregation will I praise thee.

23 O praise the Lord ye that fear him: magnifie him all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him all ye seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor, he hath not hid his face from him: but when he called unto him, he heard him.

25 My praise is of thee in the great Congregation, my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied: they that seek after the Lord, shall praise him: your heart shall live for ever,

27 All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lords, and he is the governor among the people.

29 All such as be fat upon the earth have eaten and worshipped.

30 All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him: and no man hath quickened his own soul.

31 My seed shall serve him: they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

32 They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

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The PRAYER.

O Merciful Jesu, who for our sakes didst suffer thy self to be betrayed, tormented, spit upon, crucified, and to die, that thou mightest purchase for us redemption from the sting of death, the miseries of hell, the malice and power of the Devil: deliver our souls from the sword of thy vengeance, cut us not off by untimely death, free our darling from the power of the dog, our souls from being a prey unto the devil: snatch us out of the Lions mouth, who goeth up and down seeking whom he may devour. O Jesu, be a Jesus unto us, and let those victories and the Grave, bring us Peace and Righteousness, and a Crown of glory in the Heavens, where thou livest and reignest in the great Congregation of Saints and Angels, one God world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM XXIII.

A Prayer that God would guide and feed and support us, as a shepherd doth his flock.

THE Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Names sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou

5 Thou shalt prepare a table a before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oyl, and my cup shall be full.

6 But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The PRAYER.

O Blessed Jesu, thou great Shepherd and Bishop of our Souls, let thy grace convert us, let thy mercies guide us in thy paths of righteousness; feed us with thy Word and Sacraments, refresh us with the comforts of thy Holy Spirit, and in the whole course of our life, which is nothing else but a valley of miseries and a shadow of death, let thy rod correct us like a Father when we do amiss, and thy staff support us in all our troubles and necessities. O let thy loving kindness and mercy follow us all our days, that after this life we may dwell in thy house for ever, where thou hast prepared a table and a full cup of blessing for thy people, and shalt anoint their heads with the oyl of an eternal gladness in the fruition of thy glories, O blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesu. *Amen.*

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PSALM XXIV.

A Meditation upon the Ascension of our Blessed Saviour: and a Prayer for Sanctity, that we may ascend where he is.

THE earth is the Lords and all that therein is: the compass of the world and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place?

4 Even he that hath clean hands and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is the King of glory? it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battel.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is the King of glory? even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

The PRAYER.

O Blessed Jesu, King of glory, Lord of hosts, and King of all the Creatures, to whom the everlasting doors were opened, that thou mightest enter into thy Kingdom, which thou didst open to all believers after thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death; give us clean hands and a pure heart: teach us to follow thy innocency, to imitate thy sanctity, that we may receive from thee our Lord the eternal rewards and blessings of righteousness, and ascend thither whither thou, O God of our salvation, art gone before, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost eternal God world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM XXV.

A penitential Psalm, or a prayer for deliverance from Sin and Punishment.

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul: my God, I have put my trust in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed: but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me; for thou art the God of my salvation: in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old.

6 Oh remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou upon me (O Lord) for thy goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord: therefore will he reach sinners in the way.

8 Them that be meek shall he guide in judgment: and such as be gentle, them shall he learn his way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

10 For thy Names sake, O Lord, be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.

11 What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall chuse.

12 His soul shall dwell at ease, and his seed shall inherit the land.

13 The secret of the Lord is among them that fear him: and he will shew them his covenant.

14 Mine eyes are ever looking unto the Lord: for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

15 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: for I am desolate and in misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my troubles.

17 Look upon mine adversity and misery, and forgive me all my sin.

18 Consider mine enemies how many they are: and they bear a tyrannous hate against me.

19 O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

20 Let perfectness and righteous dealing wait upon me: for my hope hath been in thee.

21 Deliver Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

The PRAYER.

O Gracious and Righteous Lord God, who art the guide of the meek, and teachest the humble and gentle in thy way, forgive the sins and offences of our youth: and although

though by them we have deserved thy wrath, and that we be put to confusion, yet be pleased to think upon us for thy goodness, and according to thy mercy; that when thou hast forgiven us all our sin, and taken away our adversity and all our misery, thou mayest keep our souls in perfectness and righteous dealing, that at last we may dwell at ease, free from trouble, and safe from all our enemies, even when we shall inherit the land of everlasting rest, where thou livest and reignest eternal God world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM XXVI.

A Prayer of preparation to the holy Sacrament, and to death.

BE thou my judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently: my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.

2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me: try out my reins and my heart.

3 For thy loving kindness is ever before mine eyes: and I will walk in thy truth.

4 I have not dwelt with vain persons: neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the congregation of the wicked: and will not sit among the ungodly.

6 I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord: and so will I go to thine altar.

7 That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving: and tell of all thy wondrous works.

8 Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house: and the place where thine honour dwelleth

9 O shut not up my soul with the sinners, nor my life with the blood-thirsty.

10 In whose hand is wickedness: and their right hands are full of gifts.

11 But as for me, I will walk innocently: O Lord deliver me, and be merciful unto me.

12 My foot standeth right: I will praise the Lord in the Congregations.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our Judge, whose loving kindness is great, and always before our eyes manifested in the abundant acts of thy grace and providence, make us to love and frequent all the actions, ministeries and conveyances of thy graces to us, especially thy holy Sacraments. O dear God, endue our souls with faith and charity, and holy penitence; that our hands and hearts, our souls and bodies, being washed in innocency and penance, we may go to thy holy Table, and may in the whole course of our life walk righteously and in obedience to thee, that in this world hating the congregation of the wicked, and the fellowship of the deceitful and vain persons, at last our Souls may not be shut up with sinners, nor our lives with the blood-thirsty, but we may have our portion in the eternal habitation of thy house, where thine honour dwelleth and reigneth world without end. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXVII.

*Prayer, that being freed from our Enemies,
we may attend the services of Religion, and
serve God in his holy Temple.*

THe Lord is my light and my salvation, whom
then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of
my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When the wicked (even mine enemies and my foes)
come upon me to eat up my flesh : they stumbled and fell.

3 Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall
not my heart be afraid : and though there rose up war
against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will
require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the
Lord, and to visit his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his
tabernacle : yea in the secret place of his dwelling shall
he hide me, and set me upon a rock of stone.

6. And now shall he lift up mine head above mine ene-
mies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation
with great gladness : I will sing and speak praises unto
the Lord.

8 Harken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto
thee ; have mercy upon me, and hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face :
thy face, Lord, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy face from me : nor cast thy
servant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my succour : leave me not, nei-
ther forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12 When

12 When my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up.

13 Teach me thy way, O Lord: and lead me in the right way because of mine enemies.

14 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine adversaries: for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

15 I should utterly have fainted; but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

16 O tarry thou the Lord's leisure: be strong and he shall comfort thine heart, and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, thou hast been our succour, our light and salvation: leave us not, neither forsake us when we are assaulted by enemies without and by temptations from within; but lead us in the right way which thou hast appointed for us to walk in: and when thou hast lift up our heads above our enemies round about us, grant that we may spend our days in prayer, and giving praises to thee, and in all other actions of holy Religion, visiting thy Temple with frequent addresses of devotion, and contemplating and admiring the fair beauty of the Lord, and that being secure in such employments, being hid in thy Tabernacle, and taking Sanctuary within the secret place of thy dwelling, we may at last come unto thy heavenly Jerusalem, where the gates of thy Temple are open day and night, there seeing the goodness of
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me, the Lord in the land of the living, praising thee to all eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM XXVIII.

A Prayer for deliverance from death and damnation.

Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my strength : think no scorn of me ; lest if thou make as though thou hearst not, I become like them that go down into the pit.

2 Hear the voice of my humble petitions when I cry unto thee : when I hold up my hands towards the mercy-seat of thy holy temple.

3 O pluck me not away (neither destroy me) with the ungodly and wicked doers, which speak friendly to their neighbours, but imagine mischief in their hearts.

4 Reward them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their own inventions.

5 Recompence them after the work of their hands : pay them that they have deserved.

6 For they regard not in their minds the works of the Lord, nor the operation of his hands : therefore shall he break them down, and not build them up.

7 Praised be the Lord : for he hath heard the voice of my humble petitions.

8 The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped : therefore my heart bounceth for joy, and in my song will I praise him.

9 The Lord is my strength, and he is the wholesome defence of his anointed.

10 O save thy people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance : feed them, and set them up for ever.

The PRAYER.

O Lord, my strength and confidence, my shield and the defence of all that hope in thee, hear the voice of our humble petitions. We hold up our hands to thy mercy-seat, praying thee for pity, and pardon of our sins: reward us not according to our deeds, nor according to the wickedness of our inventions; for if thou shouldest deal with us according to the operation of our hands, we should be like them that go down into the pit, and our inheritance would be death and destruction. But our heart hath trusted in thee, and thou hast helped us: continue thy loving kindness to us, and pluck us not away; neither destroy us with the ungodly and wicked doers, but magnifie thy mercies in the salvation of our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM XXIX.

In which God is adored, and the mightiness of his power and voice is celebrated.

Bring unto the Lord (O ye mighty) bring young rams unto the Lord: ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

2 Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name: worship the Lord with holy worship.

3 It is the Lord that commandeth the waters: it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

4 It is the Lord that ruleth the Sea: the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

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5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the Cedar-trees :
yea, the Lord breaketh the Cedars of Libanus.

6 He made them also to skip like a calf : Libanus also
and Sirion like a young unicorn.

7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire :
the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness : yea the
Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring
forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in his
Temple doth every man speak of his honour.

9 The Lord sitteth above the water flood : and the
Lord remaineth a King for ever.

10 The Lord shall give strength unto his people : the
Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The PRAYER.

O Most glorious God, who makest the
thunder ; thy voice is mighty in opera-
tion, and is a glorious voice : give us grace
that we may hear thy voice, and obey it with
reverence and humility. Thou that breakest
the Cedar-trees, let thy word rend our hearts
with sorrow and contrition for our sins, that
so we may feel the power and the mercy of
thy voice, and may ascribe unto thee worship
and strength, worshipping thee with a holy
worship all the days of our life, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXX.

A Prayer for deliverance from sickness, and death, and damnation.

I Will magnifie thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up : and not made my foes to triumph over me.
 2 O Lord my God, I cried unto thee ; and thou hast healed me.

3 Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell : thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

4 Sing praises unto the Lord (O ye Saints of his :) and give thanks to him for a remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life : heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed : thou, Lord, of thy goodness hadst made my hill so strong.

7 Thou didst turn thy face (from me,) and I was troubled.

8 Then cried I unto thee, O Lord, and gat me unto my Lord right humbly.

9 What profit is there in my bloud, when I go down to the pit ?

10 Shall the dust give thanks unto thee ? or shall it declare thy truth ?

11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me : Lord, be thou my helper.

12 Thou

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12 Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

13 Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing: O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our God, whose mercy is infinite, but thy wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and even in this short time of thy wrath thou remembrest mercy; we cry unto thee, and address our selves unto thee right humbly: O turn not thy face away from us; keep our life from them that go down into the pit, and preserve our souls from hell. And although thou sometimes sendest heaviness unto us and trouble upon our loins, yet let it be but as for a night, let thy mercy dawn upon us, and shine as in a glorious morning; for thou art more pleased in demonstrations of thy mercy, than in shewing thy displeasure. O Lord, heal us, and be merciful unto us, and save us, turn our heaviness into joy, and gird us with gladness; so shall we give thanks unto thee for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM XXXI.

A Prayer for protection against our enemies and all dangers of soul and body, and specially at the hour of death.

IN thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion: deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear to me: make hast to deliver me.

3 And be thou my strong rock, and the house of defence, that thou mayest save me.

4 For thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy names sake.

5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength.

6 Into thy hands I commend my spirit: for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord thou God of truth.

7 I have hated them that hold of superstitious vanities: and my trust hath been in the Lord.

8 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast known my soul in adversities.

9 Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy, but hast set my feet in a large room.

10 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

11 For my life is waxen old with heaviness, and my years with mourning.

12 My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity: and my bones are consumed.

13 I am become a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours: and they of mine acquaintance were afraid of me, and they that did see me without, conveyed themselves from me.

14 I am clean forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am become like a broken vessel.

15 For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude :
and fear is on every side, while they conspire together
against me, and take their counsel to take away my life.

16 But my hope hath been in thee, O Lord : I have
said, Thou art my God.

17 My time is in thy hand : deliver me from the hand
of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

18 Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance :
and save me for thy mercies sake.

19 Let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have
called upon thee : let the ungodly be put to confusion,
and be put to silence in the grave.

20 Let the lying lips be put to silence, which cruelly,
disdainfully, and despightfully speak against the righteous.

21 O how plentiful is thy goodness which thou hast
laid up for them that fear thee, and that thou hast pre-
pared for them that put their trust in thee, even before
the sons of men !

22 Thou shalt hide them privily by thine own pre-
sence, from the provoking of all men : thou shalt keep
them secretly in thy Tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

23 Thanks be to the Lord : for he hath shewed me
marvellous great kindness in a strong city.

24 And when I made hast, I said, I am cast out of
the sight of thine eyes.

25 Nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my prayer
when I cried unto thee.

26 O love the Lord, all ye his Saints ; for the Lord
preserveth them that are faithful, and plenteously reward-
eth the proud doer.

27 Be strong, and he shall establish your heart, all ye
that put your trust in the Lord.

The PRAYER.

O God our rock and the house of our defence, let us be glad and rejoice in thy mercies and salvation. Consider, O Lord, our trouble, and in thy pity know our souls to be set round about with enemies and adversaries. Shut us not up into the hands of our enemies, nor our lives within the grave. Our time, O Lord, is in thy hand, to thee pertain the issues of life and death: and though our strength hath failed us because of our iniquity, and our bones are vexed by reason of our sins, yet our hope is in thee, O Lord; we have said, Thou art our God. Deliver us from all our enemies bodily and ghostly: turn our sadness into joy, and our mourning into gladness, lest our bodies and souls be consumed for very heaviness. Let us not be put to confusion nor to silence in the grave, but let us see thy marvellous loving kindness, and partake of thy plentiful goodness which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, even before the sons of men. O let us never be cast out of the sight of thine eyes, but deal with us in mercy and loving kindness. Into thy hands we commend our spirits, resigning our selves up to thy providence and disposition, either to life or death, as thou in thy infinite wisdom shalt find most proportionable to thy glory and our eternal good, beseeching thee to be our guide to death, and to lead us
for

for thy Names sake to everlasting life, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXXII.

A confession of sins, and a prayer for pardon.

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, and
whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord im-
puteth no sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 For while I held my tongue, my bones consumed
away through my daily complaining.

4 For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night : and
my moisture is like the drought in summer.

5 I will acknowledge my sin unto thee : and mine
unrighteousness have I not hid.

6 I said I will confess my sins unto the Lord : and
so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

7 For this shall every one that is godly make his
prayer unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found :
but in the great water floods they shall not come nigh
him.

8 Thou art a place to hide me in ; thou shalt preserve
me from trouble : thou shalt compass me about with
songs of deliverance.

9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way where-
in thou shalt go : and I will guide thee with mine eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no
understanding : whose mouths must be holden with bit
and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

11 Great plagues remain for the ungodly : but whoso
putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on
every side.

12 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoyce in the Lord :
and be joyful all ye that are true of heart.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, eternal Judge of men and Angels, whose property is always to have mercy and to forgive, have mercy upon us who confess our sins unto thee to be so great and many, that, were not thy mercy infinite, we might despair of having our unrighteousness forgiven, or our sins covered. O dear God, preserve us from the great plagues that remain for the ungodly, and let thy mercy embrace us on every side. Impute not unto us the sins we have multiplied against thee and against all the world; for we have been like to a Horse and a Mule without understanding, brutish in our passions, sensual in our affections, of unbridled heats and distemperatures. But thy mercy is as infinite as thy self. O let not thy hand be heavy upon us, but forgive the wickedness of our sin, and compass us about with songs of deliverance: then shall we be glad and rejoyce in thee, O Lord, who art become our mighty Saviour and most merciful Redeemer Jesu. *Amen.*

PSALM XXXIII.

*A Prayer to God for the graces of fear, hope,
and Religion.*

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous : for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

2 Praise the Lord with harp : sing Psalms unto him with the lute and instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing unto the Lord a new song : sing praises lustily (unto him) with a good courage.

4 For the word of the Lord is true, and all his works are faithful.

5 He loveth righteousness and judgment : the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made : and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap : and layeth up the deep as in a treasure house.

8 Let all the earth fear the Lord : stand in awe of him all ye that dwell in the world.

9 For he spake, and it was done : he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought, and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of Princes.

11 The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever : and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

12 Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord Jehovah : and blessed are the folk which he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.

13 The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men : from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell in the earth.

14 He fashioneth all the hearts of them, and understandeth all their works.

15 There is no King that can be saved by the multitude of an host : neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

16 An horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man : neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, and upon them that put their trust in his mercy.

18 To deliver their souls from death, and to feed them in the time of dearth.

19 Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord : for he is our help and our shield.

20 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have hoped in his holy Name.

21 Let thy merciful kindness (O Lord) be upon us : like as we do put our trust in thee.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our God, who lovest righteousness and judgment, who fillest the earth with thy goodness, and lookest down from Heaven upon the children of men : Consider us, O Lord, and let thy grace fashion our hearts, and produce in our souls such forms and impressions as may bear thy Image, and seem beauteous in thine eyes, that thou mayest be our God, and chuse us for thine inheritance. Let thy mercy feed us, thy hands deliver us from death, and snatch us from the jaws of hell : teach us to fear thee, to put our trust in thy mercy, patiently to tarry for thee, and the revelation of thy loving kindnesses, to hope in thy holy Name, and to rejoice in thy salvation, giving thee thanks and praise with a good courage, with humble and religious affections,

affections, all the days of our life, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

P S A L M XXXIV.

*A Prayer, that we being disposed by holy living,
may receive and have a sense and taste of the
Divine goodness.*

I Will alway give thanks unto the Lord: his praise
shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast of the Lord: the hum-
ble shall hear thereof and be glad.

3 O praise the Lord with me: and let us magnifie his
name together.

4 I fought the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he deli-
vered me out of all my fear.

5 They had an eye unto him and were lightened: and
their faces were not ashamed.

6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him:
yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

7 The Angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them
that fear him, and delivereth them.

8 O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed
is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the Lord ye that be his Saints: for they that
fear him lack nothing.

10 The lions do lack and suffer hunger: but they
which seek the Lord, shall want no manner of thing that
is good.

11 Come ye children and hearken unto me: I will
teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 What man is he that lusteth to live, and would
fain see good days? keep thy tongue from evil, and thy
lips that they speak no guile.

13 Eschew evil, and do good: seek peace and en-
sue it.

14 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous: and
his ears are open unto their prayers.

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15 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

16 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

17 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

18 Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

19 He keepeth all his bones, so that not one of them is broken.

20 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly : and they that hate the righteous, shall be desolate.

21 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants : and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

The P R A Y E R.

O Most merciful and gracious Lord, whose eyes are over the righteous, and thine ears are open unto their prayers, give us, we beseech thee, a contrite heart and an humble spirit, a fear of thy Name, a watchfulness over our tongue that we speak no guile, a care of our actions that we eschew all evil, and a zeal of thy Name that we may do good ; that being thus prepared with holy dispositions, we may be delivered out of all our troubles by the hands of thy mercy, we may be defended against our enemies by the custody of Angels, we may be provided for so as to want no manner of thing that is good by the ministration of thy providence ; that so in all the whole course of our life we may feel the goodness of the Lord, seeing and tasting the sweetnesses of thy mercy, which may be to us an antepast

antepast of eternity, and as an earnest of the Spirit to consign us to the fruition of the glories of thy Kingdom, who livest and reignest ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

The Seventh Day.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXXV.

A Prayer to be delivered from our enemies.

PLead thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me : and fight thou against them that fight against me.

2 Lay hand upon the shield and buckler, and stand up to help me.

3 Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me : say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul : let them be turned back and brought to confusion that imagine mischief for me.

5 Let them be as the dust before the wind, and the Angel of the Lord scattering them.

6 Let their way be dark and slippery : and let the Angel of the Lord persecute them.

7 For they have privily laid their net to destroy me without a cause : yea, even without a cause have they made a pit for my soul.

8 Let a sudden destruction come upon him unawares ; and his net that he hath laid privily, catch himself : that he may fall into his own mischief.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord : it shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him; yea, the poor and him that is in misery, from him that spoileth him.

11 False witnesses did rise up: they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

12 They rewarded me evil for good, to the great discomfort of my soul.

13 Nevertheless, when they were sick, I put on sackcloth, and humbled my soul with fasting: and my prayer shall turn into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved my self as though it had been my friend or my brother: I went heavily as one that mourneth for his mother.

15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered them together: yea, the very abjects came together against me unawares, making mows at me, and ceased not.

16 With the flatterers were busie mockers, which gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look upon this? O deliver my soul from the calamities which they bring on me, and my darling from the lions.

18 So will I give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

19 O let not them that are mine enemies triumph over me ungodly: neither let them wink with their eyes that hate me without a cause.

20 And why? their communing is not for peace: but they imagine deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land.

21 They gaped on me with their mouths and said, Fie on thee, fie on thee, we saw it with our eyes.

22 This thou hast seen, O Lord: hold not thy tongue then; got not far from me, O Lord.

23 Awake and stand up to judge my quarrel: avenge thou my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness: and let them not triumph over me.

25 Let them not say in their hearts, There, there, so would we have it: neither let them say, We have devoured him.

26 Let them be put to confusion and shame together that rejoice at my trouble: let them be cloathed with rebuke and dishonour that boast themselves against me.

27 Let them be glad and rejoice that favour my righteous dealing: yea, let them say alway, Blessed be the Lord, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And as for my tongue it shall be talking of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our God, who art the shield of the oppressed, and the buckler of all that trust in thee, deliver us from all the assaults and intendments of our enemies against us, who without cause make pits for our souls: let the Angel of the Lord scatter all their mischievous imaginations, lest they triumph over us, and say, We have devoured them: strive thou with them that strive with us, and fight against them that fight against us. Preserve us in innocency, that we neither sin against thee, nor do injustice to them; and restore us to our peace: so shall we talk of thy righteousness and thy praise all the day long, and give thee thanks in the great Congregation of Saints, because thou hast pleasure in the prosperity of thy servants, and hast redeemed them from the hands of their enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen,*

PSALM XXXVI.

A Prayer, desiring the joys of Heaven, the blessings of Eternity.

MY heart sheweth me the wickedness of the ungodly : that there is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For he flattereth himself in his own sight, until his abominable sin be found out.

3 The words of his mouth are unrighteous, and full of deceit : he hath left off to behave himself wisely, and to do good.

4 He imagineth mischief upon his bed, and hath set himself in no good way : neither doth he abhor any thing that is evil.

5 Thy mercy (O Lord) reacheth unto the heavens : and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

6 Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains : thy judgments are like the great deep.

7 Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast : how excellent is thy mercy, O God ! and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house : and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

9 For with thee is the well of life : and in thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue forth thy loving kindness unto them that know thee, and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

11 O let not the foot of pride come against me : and let not the hand of the ungodly cast me down.

12 There are they fallen (all) that work wickedness : they are cast down and shall not be able to stand.

The PRAYER.

O God, whose mercy reacheth unto the heavens, and thy righteousness unto the clouds: teach us to abhor every thing that is evil, and to set our selves in every good way; that thy fear being always before our eyes, and our trust being under the shadow of thy wings, thou mayst continue forth thy loving kindness to us all the days of our life, that at last we may be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house, and may drink down rivers of pleasures, deriving from thee the eternal fountain and well of life, and in the light of thy countenance may see everlasting light through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM XXXVII.

*A Prayer that we may trust and delight in God,
and that our lot may be amongst the godly, and
not in the seeming prosperity of the wicked.*

F Ret not thy self because of the ungodly: neither be thou envious against the evil doers.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and be withered even as the green herb.

3 Put thou thy trust in the Lord and be doing good: dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thou in the Lord: and he shall give thee thy hearts desire.

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5 Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him: and he shall bring it to pass.

6 He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light, and thy just dealing as the noon day.

7 Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him: but grieve not thy self at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doth after evil counsels.

8 Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure: fret not thy self, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

9 Wicked doers shall be rooted out: and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.

10 Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone: thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.

11 But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth, and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

12 The ungodly seeketh counsel against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

13 The Lord shall laugh him to scorn: for he hath seen that his day is coming.

14 The ungodly have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of a right conversation.

15 Their sword shall go through their own heart, and their bow shall be broken.

16 A small thing that the righteous hath is better than great riches of the ungodly.

17 For the arms of the ungodly shall be broken: and the Lord upholdeth the righteous.

18 The Lord knoweth the days of the godly: and their inheritance shall endure for ever.

19 They shall not be confounded in the perillous time: and in the days of death they shall have enough.

20 As for the ungodly, they shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs; yea, even as the smoak shall they consume away.

21 The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous is merciful and liberal.

22 Such as be blessed of God shall possess the land: and they that be cursed of him shall be rooted out.

23 The Lord ordereth a good mans going: and maketh his way acceptable to himself.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be cast away: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

25 I have been young and now am old: and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging their bread.

26 The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth: and his seed is blessed.

27 Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good: and dwell for evermore.

28 For the Lord loveth the thing that is right: he forsaketh not his that be godly, but they are preserved for ever.

29 The righteous shall be punished: as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be routed out.

30 The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

31 The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom: and his tongue will be talking of judgment.

32 The law of God is in his heart: and his goings shall not slide.

33 The ungodly seeth the righteous, and seeketh occasion to slay him.

34 The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

35 Hope thou in the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land: when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.

36 I my self have seen the ungodly in great power, and flourishing like a green bay tree.

37 And I went by, and lo he was gone: I sought him, but his place could no where be found.

38 Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right: for that shall bring a man peace at the last. As for the transgressors, they shall perish together: and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last.

40 But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord: which is also their strength in the time of trouble.

41 And the Lord shall stand by them and save them: he shall deliver them from the ungodly, and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.

The P R A Y E R.

O God Almighty, who never forsakeſt the godly, but preſerveſt them for ever, let thy law be in our hearts, fixed and grounded, that we may keep innocency, and take heed to the thing that is right: order our goings, and make thy way acceptable to thy ſelf; that we delighting in thee alone, committing our ways wholly to thy providence, and putting our truſt in thy mercies, we may not be confounded in the perillous times, but may be reſreſhed in the multitude of peace, having peace all our days, and peace at the laſt, in the inheritance of ſaints, who have reſuſed the gilded glories of this world, which is the lot of the wicked and ungodly people, and are ſatiſfied with the expectation of true joys, and the reward of innocency, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

The Eighth Day.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM XXXVIII.

A Prayer for remission of sins.

PUt me not to rebuke (O Lord) in thine anger:
neither chasten me in thine heavy displeasure.

2 For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand
presseth me sore.

3 There is no health in my flesh because of thy dis-
pleasure: neither is there any rest in my bones, by rea-
son of my sin.

4 For my wickednesses are gone over my head: and
are like a fore burden too heavy for me to bear.

5 My wounds stink and are corrupt through my foo-
lishness.

6 I am brought into so great trouble and misery,
that I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with a sore disease: and
there is no whole part in my body.

8 I am feeble and sore smitten: I have roared for the
very disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, thou knowest all my desire: and my groan-
ing is not hid from thee.

10 My heart panteth, my strength hath failed me: and
the sight of mine eyes is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my neighbours did stand looking
upon my trouble: and my kinsmen stood afar off.

12 They also that sought after my life laid snares for
me: and they that went about to do me evil, talked of
wickedness, and imagined deceit all the day long.

13 As for me, I was like a deaf man, and heard not:
and as one that is dumb, which doth not open his
mouth.

14 I became even as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For in thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

16 I have required that they (even mine enemies) should not triumph over me: for when my foot slippt, they rejoiced greatly against me.

17 And I truly am set in the plague: and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

18 For I will confess my wickedness, and be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies live and are mighty: and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

20 They also that reward evil for good are against me, because I follow the thing that good is.

21 Forsake me not, O Lord my God: be not thou far from me.

22 Hasten thee to help me, O Lord God of my salvation.

The PRAYER.

O Lord, who knowest all our desires, and from whom our groaning is not hid, we confess before thee our many wickednesses, and are truly sorry for our sins: our wickednesses are gone over our head, and are a sore burden too heavy for us to bear: our enemy the Devil is malicious and mighty, our weaknesses many, our temptations strong, our consciences do busily accuse us. Where shall we appear in the day of Judgment? How shall we stand upright in the eternal scrutiny? Our trust is in thy merits. O blessed Jesu, thou art our Judge and our Advocate: thou shalt answer for us, O Lord our God. Put us not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger, for it is insup-

insupportable; neither let thy whole displeasure arise, for that is vast and mountainous as our sins, and will break us in pieces. O let not the arrows of thy vengeance stick fast in us, for our sins are wounds enough, and make us restless and miserable. Touch our fores gently, and let not thy hands press us, unless to drive forth our corruption: then shall we follow the thing that good is, and rejoice greatly in thy mercies, O Lord God of our salvation, who hast redeemed us and saved us through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM XXXIX.

A Meditation of the shortness and vanity of our life, and a Prayer preparatory to death.

I Said I will take heed to my ways, that I offend not in my tongue.

2 I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle while the ungodly is in my sight.

3 I held my tongue and spake nothing: I kept silence, yea, even from good words, but it was pain and grief to me.

4 My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus musing, the fire kindled: and at the last I spake with my tongue.

5 Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days: that I may be certified how long I have to live.

6 Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long; and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee: and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

7 For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain: he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

8 And

8 And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is euen in thee.

9 Deliver me from all mine offences: and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

10 I became dumb and opened not my mouth! for it was thy doing.

11 Take thy plague away from me: I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.

12 When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away like as it were a moth fretting a garment: every man therefore is but vanity.

13 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling: hold not thy peace at my tears.

14 For I am a stranger with thee and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

15 O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength before I go hence and be no more seen.

The PRAYER.

O Eternal God, who art without beginning or end of days, thou hast given us a short portion of time in the generations of this world; our condition is vain, unsatisfying, and full of disquiet, and we have no hope but in thee, O Lord. O teach us to number our days, to remember and to know our end, that so we may never sin against thee; and grant that we may live as always dying, being of mortified souls and bodies, of bridled tongues and affections, and that in stead of heaping up riches, we may strive for a treasure of good works, laying up in store against the time to come, that having recovered our strength, lost by the commission of sins, when

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we go hence and are no more seen, we may have a residence in those mansions which are prepared for the Saints, by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PSALM XL.

A Thanksgiving to God for his deliverance, and a Prayer for redemption from sins, and defence against our enemies.

I Waited patiently for the Lord : and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.

2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay, and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth : even a thanksgiving unto our God.

4 Many shall see it, and fear, and shall put their trust in the Lord.

5 Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord : and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lyes.

6 O Lord my God, great are thy wondrous works which thou hast done ; like as be also thy thoughts which are to us ward : and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.

7 If I would declare them and speak of them, they should be more than I am able to express.

8 Sacrifice and meat-offerings thou wouldest not have : but mine ears hast thou opened.

9 Burnt-offerings and sacrifice for sin hast thou not required : then said I, Lo I come.

10 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God : I am content to do it ; yea, thy law is within my heart.

11 I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation : lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

12 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart: my talking hath been of thy truth and of thy salvation.

13 I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth from the great congregation.

14 Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord: let thy loving kindness and thy truth always preserve me.

15 For innumerable troubles are come about me, my sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to look up: yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.

16 O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me: make haste (O Lord) to help me.

17 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it: let them be driven back and put to rebuke that wish me evil.

18 Let them be desolate and rewarded with shame that say unto me, Fie upon thee, fie upon thee.

19 Let all those that seek thee, be joyful and glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say always, The Lord be praised.

20 As for me, I am poor and needy: but the Lord careth for me.

21 Thou art my helper and redeemer; make no long tarrying, O my God.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our God, whose works are wonderful, and thy thoughts which are to usward full of mercy and admirable in wisdom; we adore and worship thy infinite perfections, and thy providence in the disposing of all thy creatures, and the effects of all causes, which in an infinite variety thou orderest to thy glory and the good of all faithful people. Thou hast dealt with us in mercy; and although our sins are so multiplied, that they are more in number

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ber than the hairs of our head, yet thou hast not suffered us to fall into the horrible pit of eternal misery and destruction, but hast set our feet upon the rock Christ Jesus, and by his graces and holy laws hast ordered our goings. Let it be thy pleasure still to deliver us, for we are not able of our selves to look up, and our enemies still seek after our souls to destroy us. Make no long tarrying, O God; shew thy self our helper and redeemer; so shall we talk of thy truth and of thy salvation in the assemblies of thy servants in this life, hoping that we shall hereafter declare thy righteousness in the great Congregation of Saints and Angels, singing eternal praises to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

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PSALM XLI.

A Prayer for the grace of charity, for pardon of sins, and for deliverance from false friends and traitours.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor (and needy;) the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

2 The Lord preserve him and keep him alive, that he may be blessed upon earth: and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.

3 The Lord comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed: make thou all his bed in his sickness.

4. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me : heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

5 Mine enemies speak evil of me : when shall he die and his name perish?

6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity and his heart conceiveth falshood within himself, and when he cometh forth he telleth it.

7 All mine enemies whisper together against me : even against me do they imagine this evil.

8 Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him : and now that he lieth, let him rise up no more.

9 Yea, even mine own familiar friend whom I trusted, which did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.

10 But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord : raise thou me up again, and I shall reward them.

11 By this I know thou favourest me, that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.

12 And when I am in my health, thou upholdest me : and shalt set me before thy face for ever.

13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, world without end. *Amen.*

The PRAYER.

O Blessed Jesu, saviour of the world, be merciful unto us, and heal our sins, for we have sinned against thee, and are no more worthy to be called thy children; but yet make us thy servants, and give us testimony that we are translated from death to life, by charity and love to all our brethren: O make our bowels yern with pity and compassion over the necessities of the poor and needy, and give us grace and power to help them and relieve their miseries; that we being merciful as our heavenly Father is, may receive such blessings and

and assistances as thou hast provided for the charitable; deliverance from our open enemies, safety from private treachery and conspiracies, comfort in our sicknesses, health of body, and pardon of our sins, through thy mercies and blessed charity, O most merciful Saviour and Redeemer Jesu. *Amen.*

PSALM XLII.

A Prayer for comfort in spiritual desertion and driness of affection, and that we may long and sigh after God.

Like as the Hart desireth the water-brooks; so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul is a thirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by my self: for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God.

5 In the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among such as keep holy day.

6 Why art thou so full of heaviness (O my soul?) and why art thou so disquieted within me?

7 Put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

8 My God, my soul is vexed within me: therefore will I remember thee concerning the land of Jordan and the little hill of Hermon.

9 One deep calleth another, because of the noise of the water-pipes: all thy waves and storms are gone over me.

10 The Lord hath granted his loving kindness in the day time: and in the night season did I sing of him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life.

11 I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

12 My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword, while mine enemies (that trouble me) cast me in the teeth.

13 Namely, while they say daily unto me, Where is now thy God?

14 Why art thou so vexed, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

15 O put thy trust in God: for I will yet thank him which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

The P R A Y E R.

O Eternal and living God, thou art the help of our countenance and our God, thou art the thing that we long for, and our hearts are vexed within us and disquieted, when we feel not the comforts of thy Spirit, and those actual exultations and that spiritual gust which thou dost often give to thy people as earnest of a glorious immortality. O Lord, pity our infirmities, and give us earnest longings for the fruition of thee our God in the actions of holy Religion. Grant unto us vivacity of spirit, unweariedness in devotion, delight and complacency in spiritual exercises: that when our souls are vexed with temptations and sadnesses, we may remember thee concerning the land of promise, and be comforted and encouraged in our duties by the expectation

expectation of those glories which thou hast laid up for them that love the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

PSALM XLIII.

A Prayer for chearfulness of spirit in our devotions.

Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength: why hast thou put me from thee? and why go I so heavily while the enemy oppresseth me?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me: and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

4 And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God my God.

5 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? and why art thou so disquieted within me?

6 O put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

The PRAYER.

O God our defender and deliverer, thou art the God of our strength, and our ghostly confidence: let the light of thy countenance produce the beams of spiritual joy in our souls, and let thy truth lead us in the way of thy salvation, that when we go into thy dwelling places where thou manifestest thy presence, we may approach unto thee with joy and gladness, rejoicing in nothing more

than in doing thee service, and singing praises to thy Name for the help of thy countenance, which thou givest us in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM XLIV.

A Prayer in the time of War.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us what thou hast done in their time of old.

2 How thou hast driven out the heathen with thy hand and planted them in: how thou hast destroyed the nations, and cast them out.

3 For they gat not the land in possession through their own sword: neither was it their own arm that helped them.

4 But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance: because thou hadst a favour unto them.

5 Thou art my King (O God:) send help unto Jacob.

6 Through thee will we overthrow our enemies: and in thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

7 For I will not trust in my bow: it is not my sword that shall help me.

8 But it is thou that savest us from our enemies, and puttest them to confusion that hate us.

9 We make our boast of God all day long, and will praise thy name for ever.

10 But

10 But now thou art far off, and puttest us to confusion, and goest not forth with our armies.

11 Thou makest us to turn our backs upon our enemies: so that they which hate us spoil our goods.

12 Thou lettest us to be eaten up like sheep, and hast scattered us among the heathen.

13 Thou sellest thy people for nought, and takest no money for them.

14 Thou makest us to be rebuked of our neighbours: to be laughed to scorn and had in derision of them that are round about us.

15 Thou makest us to be a by-word among the heathen, and that the people shake their heads at us.

16 My confusion is daily before me: and the shame of my face hath covered me.

17 For the voice of the slanderer and blasphemer: for the enemy and avenger.

18 And though all this be come upon us, yet do we not forget thee, nor behave our selves frowardly in thy covenant.

19 Our heart is not turned back, neither our steps gone out of the way.

20 No not when thou hast smitten us into the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.

21 If we have forgotten the name of our God, and holden up our hands to any strange God; shall not God search it out? for he knoweth the very secrets of the heart.

22 For thy sake also are we killed all the day long, and are counted as sheep appointed to be slain.

23 Up, Lord, why sleepest thou? awake, and be not absent from us for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face and forgettest our misery and trouble.

25 For our soul is brought low, even unto the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the ground.

26 Arise and help us, and deliver us for thy mercies sake.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God of hosts, who for our sins hast suffered the sword to take vengeance upon us, and to plead thy cause against us, O hide not thy face from us, and forget not our misery and trouble. We are killed all day long, and are accounted as sheep appointed to be slain; we are covered with the shadow of death, and they which hate us spoil our goods. Deal with us in pity; and as thou hast done to our fathers of old time, when they called upon thee in their trouble, so deal with us: thou overthrewest their enemies, and didst tread them under that arose up against them. Arise, and help us, and deliver us also for thy mercy sake: our own sword cannot help us, but let thy right hand and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance work deliverance and salvation for us. Go forth with our armies, O thou God of Hosts, do thou fight our battles, that we may not turn our backs upon our enemies; but crown us with Victory and Peace, that we may make our boast of thee all day long, and praise thy Name for ever, who art holy, and just, and merciful, the great God of battels and recompences. From thee let mercy now and ever proceed, and to thy Name let honour be for ever ascribed. of all the Hosts. of Heaven and Earth, world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM XLV.

*A Prayer for the conversion of the Heathen,
and prosperity of the Church.*

MY heart is inditing of a good matter: I speak of
the things which I have made unto the King.

2 My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

3 Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of
grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for
ever.

4 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou
most mighty, according to thy worship and renown.

5 Good luck have thou with thine honour: ride on
because of the word of truth, of meekness and right-
eousness: and thy right hand shall reach thee terrible
things.

6 Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be
subdued unto thee: even in the midst among the Kings
enemies.

7 Thy seat (O God) endureth for ever: the scepter
of thy Kingdom is a right Scepter.

8 Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity:
wherefore God (even thy God) hath anointed thee with
the oyl of gladness above thy fellows.

9 All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia,
out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee
glad.

10 Kings daughters were among thy honourable wo-
men: upon thy right hand did stand the Queen in a ve-
sture of gold (wrought about with divers colours.)

11 Harken (O daughter) and consider, encline thine
ear: forget also thine own people and thy fathers house.

12 So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty; for
he is thy Lord (God,) and worship thou him.

13 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a
gift: like as the rich also among the people shall make
their supplication before thee.

14 The Kings daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.

15 She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle work: the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.

16 With joy and gladness shall they be brought, and shall enter into the Kings palace.

17 In stead of thy fathers thou shalt have children, whom thou mayest make Princes in all lands.

18 I will remember thy name from one generation unto another: therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee world without end.

The PRAYER.

O Blessed Jesu, Prince of the Catholick Church, thou art fairer than the children of men, thy lips are full of grace, thine armies mighty, thy head is crown'd with Majesty, and cloathed with worship and renown: have mercy upon thy holy Church, bleſs her for ever with righteousness, and let the oyl of gladness refresh her amidst the multitude of her sorrows and afflictions. And because she is the daughter of a King, and thou takest pleasure in her beauty, let her not always be cloathed in mourning garments, but let her be decked with exteriour Ornaments and secular advantages, such as may truly promote the interests of holy Religion. Let Kings and Queens be nursing Fathers and nursing Mothers unto her; and so let the sound of the Gospel go into all the earth, that her children may be Princes in all lands, and Ministers of thy Kingdom, advancing thy honour, and furthering the salvation.

tion of all men, for whom thou didst give thy precious blood, that all people may worship thee, and give thee thanks for ever; who together with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God world without end.
Amen.

PSALM XLVI.

A Prayer for protection, and for confidence in God in times of publick distractions, and for the peace of Christendom.

GOD is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear though the earth be moved, and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell, and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the City of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be remov'd: God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved: but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord: what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world: he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 Be still then and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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The PRAYER.

O Most merciful Saviour Jesu, Prince of peace, at whose birth all the Kingdoms of the world were in peace and tranquillity, be thou in the midst of us for our refuge and present help in times of trouble and publick calamities; when the Kingdom is moved, and the hearts of Men shake at the tempest of the same. Dear God, unite all the parts of Christendom with the union of Faith and Charity, and the fruits of them, a blessed and universal peace. Break the bow of the mighty, snap the spear of the warriour in sunder, and burn the chariots in the fire, that wars may cease in all the world, and we all may feel the promised blessing of the Gospel, that our swords may be converted into plow-shares and our spears into pruning-hooks, that thy Name and thy Kingdom may be exalted among the heathen and in all the nations of the earth, who livest and reignest over all, in the unity of the blessed Trinity, God eternal, world without end. *Amen.*

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PSALM XLVII.

*A Prayer for the exaltation of Christ's Kingdom,
and that all the Princes of the world may joyntly
adore Jesus reigning in the heavens.*

O Clap your hands together (all ye people :) O
sing unto God with the voice of melody.

2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared : he
is the great King upon all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us, and the na-
tions under our feet.

4 He shall chuse out an heritage for us, and the wor-
ship of Jacob whom he loved.

5 God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord
with the sound of the trump.

6 O sing praises, sing praises unto (our) God : O sing
praises, sing praises unto our King.

7 For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye prai-
ses with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon
his holy seat.

9 The Princes of the people are joyned unto the peo-
ple of the God of Abraham : for God (which is very high
exalted) doth defend the earth as it were with a shield..

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, King of Heaven, who reign-
est a great King in all the Earth ; thou
art high above all creatures, and art to be
feared in all the Kingdoms of the earth : let
the seed of thy Gospel be disseminated in all
the corners of the habitable world : let thy
grace

grace break down all the strong holds of sin and Satan, subduing all people under thee, and the Nations under thy feet; that the Princes of the Nations that have not known thy Name may be joynd to thy people, the people of the God of Abraham, becoming one sheepfold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord, our Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

PSALM XLVIII.

A Prayer for the prosperity of the Church.

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised, in the City of our God, even upon his holy hill.

2 The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth: upon the North side lieth the City of the great King: God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.

3 For lo, the Kings of the earth are gathered and gone by together.

4 They marvelled to see such things: they were astonished and suddenly cast down.

5 Fear came there upon them and sorrow, as upon a woman in her travel.

6 Thou shalt break the ships of the sea through the East wind.

7 Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the City of the Lord of hosts, in the City of our God: God upholdeth the same for ever.

8 We wait for thy loving kindness (O God) in the midst of thy temple.

9 O God, according unto thy name, so is thy praise unto the worlds end: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

10 Let the mount Sion rejoyce, and the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments

11 Walk about Sion, and go round about her, and tell the towers thereof.

12 Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses: that ye may tell them that come after.

13 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he shall be our guide unto death.

The PRAYER.

O Great God, who art highly to be praised, who hast manifested thy power and thy mercy in the constitution, propagation, and defence of thy Holy Church, by the miraculous assistances and effects of thy Holy Spirit, insomuch that the Kings of the earth marvelled to see such things, and were astonied and suddenly cast down, acknowledging the powers of thy Kingdom, and submitting to thy laws with faith and obedience: be pleased, according to thy gracious promise to uphold the same for ever: let not the gates of hell prevail against thy Church: be thou known in her palaces as a sure refuge: make her the joy of the whole earth, and let her be glad and rejoice because of thy judgments: so shall we praise thee in the midst of thy Temple, waiting for thy loving kindness, that according as thy name is, so may thy praise be, infinite and eternal, world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM XLIX.

A Prayer that we may despise perishing riches, and put our trust in God only.

O Hear ye this all ye people: ponder it with your ears all ye that dwell in the world;

2 High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall muse of understanding.

4 I will incline mine ear to the parable, and shew my dark speech upon the harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness, and when the wickedness of my heels compasseth me round about?

6 There be some that put their trust in their goods, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.

7 But no man may deliver his brother, nor make an agreement to God for him.

8 For it cost more to redeem their souls: so that he must let that alone for ever.

9 Yea, though he live long and see not the grave.

10 For he seeth that wise men also die, and perish together, as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches for other.

11 And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever, and that their dwelling-places shall endure from one generation to another: and call their lands after their own names.

12 Nevertheless man will not abide in honour, seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish: this is the way of them.

13 This is their foolishness: and their posterity praise their saying.

14 They lie in the hell like sheep, death gnaweth upon them, and the righteous shall have domination over them in the morning; their beauty shall consume in the sepulchre out of their dwelling.

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15 But God hath delivered my soul from the place of hell: for he shall receive me.

16 Be not thou afraid though one be made rich, or if the glory of his house be increased.

17 For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dieth: neither shall his pomp follow him.

18 For while he lived he counted himself an happy man: and so long as thou dost well unto thy self, men will speak good of thee.

19 He shall follow the generation of his fathers, and shall never see light.

20 Man being in honour hath no understanding; but is compared unto the beasts that perish.

The P R A Y E R.

O Blessed Jesu, thou only Redeemer of souls, who by thy death and passion hast delivered us from the place of hell, give us grace to put our whole trust in thee, and in the riches of thy mercy and loving kindness, always remembering our end, the vanity and shortness of our lives, the certainty of our departure. Teach us to despise the world and worldly things; and to lay our treasure up in heaven by charity and actions of Religion; that while we live here, we may have our conversation in heaven, by love, by hope, and by desires, that when our beauty shall consume in the sepulchre out of our earthly dwellings, we may be received into everlasting habitations, alway to enjoy thee, who livest and reignest eternal God world without end. *Amen.*

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P S A L M L.

*A Prayer that we may lead a holy life, and find
mercy in the day of Judgment.*

THE Lord, even the most mighty God hath spoken, and called the world from the rising up of the Sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Sion hath God appeared in perfect beauty.

3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

4 He shall call the heaven from above and the earth, that he may judge his people.

5 Gather my Saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with Sacrifice.

6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is Judge himself.

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: I my self will testify against thee, O Israel: for I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices, or for thy burnt offerings, because they were not always before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thine house, nor he-goats out of thy folds.

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine: and so are the cattel upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls upon the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.

12 If I be hungry, I will not tell thee: for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.

13 Thinkest

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13 Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls flesh, and drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving: and pay thy vows unto the most Highest.

15 And call upon me in the time of trouble: so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.

16 But unto the ungodly, said God, Why dost thou preach my laws, and takest my Covenant in thy mouth?

17 Whereas thou hatest to be reformed, and hast cast my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief thou consentedst unto him, and hast been partaker with the adulterers.

19 Thou hast let thy mouth speak wickedness: and with thy tongue thou hast set forth deceit.

20 Thou satest and spakest against thy brother: yea and hast slandered thine own mothers son.

21 These things hast thou done, and I held my tongue; and thoughtest wickedly, that I am even such a one as thy self: but I will reprove thee, and set before thee the things that thou hast done.

22 O consider this, ye that forget God: lest I pluck you away, and there be none to deliver you.

23 Whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he honour-eth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.

The PRAYER.

O Most mighty God, who art more pleased with the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and the oblation of our souls in the vows of obedience and a holy life, than with the burnt-offerings and sacrifices of bullocks and Goats, let thy grace reform our lives and manners: keep our mouth from slander and obloquy, from guile and deceit: let us never consent to actions of injustice or uncleanness,
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that we partake not with Thieves or with Adulterers either in their sin or punishment; that when thou shalt appear in perfect beauty with a consuming fire before thee, and a tempest round about thee, with terrours and glorious Majesty, calling the heavens and the earth together, that thou mayest judge all thy people, thou mayest gather us among thy Saints, and give us the mercies and the portion of thine inheritance, that so we may honour thee by an eternal oblation of praise and thanksgiving in the Heavens, where thou, O God, declarest thy salvation to all thy elect people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM LI.

A Prayer for the pardon of sins, and the restitution of God's favour.

HAve mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6 But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Thou

8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness : that the bones that thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence : and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of thy help again : and stablish me with thy free spirit.

13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou art the God of my health : and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

15 Thou shalt open my lips (O Lord :) and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : a broken and a contrite heart (O God) shalt thou not despise.

18 O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

The PRAYER.

O Most merciful God, whose goodness is great, and the multitudes of thy mercies are innumerable, have mercy upon us, for our sins are ever before us, presented by the continual accusations of a troubled conscience. We have sinned against thee, and done evil in thy sight : and yet because thou art the God of mercy and fountain of eternal purity,

purity, delighting in the conversion and salvation of a sinner, we present unto thee the sacrifice of a troubled spirit, of broken and contrite hearts; beseeching thee to let the dew of thy favour and the fire of thy love wash away our sins and purifie our souls. Make us clean hearts, O God, and pure hands: though our sins be as scarlet, yet make them like wooll; though they be as purple, yet make them as white as snow. Restore the voice of joy and gladness to us: let us not be for ever separate from the sweet refreshings of thy favour and presence; but give us the comforts of thy help again, and let thy free Spirit loose us from the bondage of sin, and establish us in the freedom and liberty of the Sons of God: so shall we sing of thy righteousness, and our lips shall give thee praise in the congregation of thy redeemed ones, now, henceforth, and for ever. *Amen.*

PSALM LII.

A Prayer for deliverance from tyranny, oppression, and slander.

WHy boastest thou thy self, thou tyrant, that thou canst do no mischief?

2 Whereas the goodness of God endureth yet daily.

3 Thy tongue imagineth wickedness: and with lyes thou cuttest like a sharp rasour.

4 Thou hast loved unrighteousness more than goodness, and to talk of lyes more than righteousness.

5 Thou hast loved to speak all words that may do hurt, O thou false tongue.

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6 Therefore shall God destroy thee for ever: he shall take thee, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling, and root thee out of the land of the living.

7 The righteous also shall see this, and fear, and shall laugh him to scorn.

8 **L**, this is the man that took not God for his strength; but trusted unto the multitude of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

9 As for me I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God: my trust is in the tender mercy of God for ever and ever.

10 I will always give thanks unto thee for that thou hast done: and I will hope in thy name, for thy Saints like it well.

The PRAYER.

O Almighty God, whose goodness endureth daily, extend this thy goodness towards us thy servants, and defend us from the tyranny and malice of all our Enemies, who boast themselves in mischief: keep us from the obloquy of false tongues, and from the slander of lying persons, who talk of lyes more than righteousness; that we being nourished by thy goodness, and water'd with the dew of divine blessings, may flourish like a green olive in the house of God, bringing forth the fruits of tender mercy, and abounding in peace, and that we may by the suffusion of anointing of the Holy Ghost, be consigned to thy everlasting Kingdom, there to reign with thee, who reignest eternally, one God world without end. *Amen.*

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PSALM LIII.

A Prayer for Redemption of the Church from the persecution of Atheists and persons irreligious.

THE foolish body hath said in his heart, There is no God.

2 Corrupt are they and become abominable in their wickedness: there is none that doth good.

3 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men: to see if there were any that would understand and seek after God.

4 But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable: there is also none that doth good, no not one.

5 Are not they without understanding that work wickedness, eating up my people as if they would eat bread? they have not called upon God.

6 They were afraid where no fear was: for God hath broken the bones of him that besieged thee: thou hast put them to confusion, because God hath despised them.

7 Oh that the salvation were given unto Israel out of Sion: oh that the Lord would deliver his people out of captivity.

8 Then should Jacob rejoice, and Israel should be right glad.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, who dwellest in heaven, and lookest down from thence upon the children of men, be pleased to give salvation to thy people out of Sion thy holy habitation, and preserve thy Church from the malice of
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such persons as have not called upon thee, but would eat up thy people, as they would eat bread : that we being delivered from the captivity of sins and miseries, may serve thee with freedom of spirit, in joy and spiritual rejoicing, all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM LIV.

A Prayer for deliverance from our enemies.

SAve me, O God, for thy names sake : and avenge me in thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God : and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me : and tyrants (which have not God before their eyes) seek after my soul.

4 Behold, God is my helper : the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies : destroy thou them in thy truth.

6 An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy name (O Lord) because it is so comfortable.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble : and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

The PRAYER.

O Blessed Jesu, our God and our helper, whose Name is comfortable, the hope of all that are miserable, and the relief of the oppressed, hearken unto our prayers, and for thy names sake save us from the tyranny of those that are risen up against us, and seek

after our souls. Give us thy grace, that we may set thee always before our eyes, to obey thy laws, to follow thy example, to trust in thy protection, to give praises unto thy holy Name, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM LV.

A Prayer for deliverance from treachery, and the conspiracies of our secret enemies.

Hear my prayer, O God : and hide not thy self from my petition.

2 Take heed unto me, and hear me, how I mourn in my prayer, and am vexed.

3 The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on so fast : for they are minded to do me some mischief, so maliciously are they set against me.

4 My heart is disquieted within me, and the fear of death is fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and an horrible dread hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, O that I had wings like a dove : for then would I flie away, and be at rest.

7 Lo then would I get me away afar off, and remain in the wilderness.

8 I would make haste to escape, because of the stormy wind and tempest.

9 Destroy their tongues (O Lord) and divide them : for I have spied unrighteousness and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about within the walls thereof : mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is therein : deceit and guile go not out of their streets.

12 For it is not an open enemy that hath done me this dishonour : for then I could have born it.

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13 Neither was it mine adversary that did magnifie himself against me: for then (peradventure) I would have hid my self from him.

14 But it was even thou my companion, my guide and mine own familiar friend.

15 We took sweet counsell together, and walked in the house of God as friends.

16 Let death come hastily upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

17 As for me, I will call upon God: and the Lord shall save me.

18 In the evening and morning and at noon day will I pray, and that instantly: and he shall hear my voice.

19 It is he that hath delivered my soul in peace, from the battel that was against me: for there were many with me.

20 Yea, even God that endureth for ever shall hear me, and bring them down: for they will not turn, nor fear God.

21 He laid his hands upon such as be at peace with him: and he brake his covenant.

22 The words of his mouth are softer than butter, having war in his heart: his words are smoother than oyl, and yet be they very swords.

23 O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee: and shall not suffer the righteous to fall for ever.

24 And as for them, thou, O God, shalt bring them into the pit of destruction.

25 The blood-thirsty and deceitful men shall not live out half their days: nevertheless my trust shall be in thee, O Lord.

The PRAYER.

O Eternal God, who hast promised to nourish and defend all them that cast their burden upon thee, deliver the souls of thy servants in peace from the battel that is against us. Fearfulness and trembling are come upon us, and the fear of death is fallen upon us; for our enemies are maliciously set against us, and minded to do us mischief, and we know not whither to flee away and be at rest, for mischief and sorrow are round about us. O rescue us from the publick enmity of our open adversaries, and from the secret conspiracies of all our private enemies: so shall we pray unto thee, and that instantly, and praise thy Name in the Evening, in the Morning, and in the Noon-day, dedicating to thy honour and worship the beginning, the growth and the decrease of our life, even all our days, because thou hast not suffered us to fall for ever, but hast brought us from the pit of destruction, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM LVI.

A Prayer that we may trust in God, and have such carefulness over our ways, that we give our enemy no advantage.

BE merciful unto me, O God, for man goeth about to devour me: he is daily fighting and troubling me.

2 Mine enemies are daily in hand to swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most Highest.

3 Nevertheless though I am sometime afraid, yet put I my trust in thee.

4 I will praise God because of his word: I have put my trust in God, and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

5 They daily mistake my words: all that they imagine is to do me evil.

6 They hold all together, and keep themselves close: and mark my steps, when they lay wait for my soul.

7 Shall they escape for their wickedness? thou (O God) in thy displeasure shalt cast them down.

8 Thou tellest my slittings: put my tears into thy bottle: are not these things noted in thy booke?

9 Whensoever I call upon thee, then shall mine enemies be put to flight: this I know, for God is on my side.

10 In God's word will I rejoyce: in the Lord's word will I comfort me.

11 Yea, in God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

12 Unto thee (O God) will I pay my vows: unto thee will I give thanks.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling: that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, in whom we have trusted, have mercy upon us, who are daily troubled with sadnesses in the world, temptations of the Devil, weaknesses of the flesh; malicious surmisings and mistakings of our Enemies, and whatsoever may make us miserable, and disturb our peace. Give us great assistances of thy grace, that we may walk without scandal, resist and overcome the Devil, despise the things of this world, and be strengthened in our spirits with ghostly confidence; that whensoever we call upon thee, we may have thee on our side, and our enemies be put to flight: that our souls being delivered from death, and our feet from falling, we may at last be admitted into the light of the living, there to walk eternally before thee our God; who livest and reignest in the Unity of the blessed Trinity world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM LVII.

A Prayer to be delivered from the power of the Devil, and slander of men, and that we may put our confidence in God.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee: and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge until this tyranny be over-past.

2 I will call unto the most high God: even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

4 God shall send forth his mercy and truth: my soul is among lions.

5 And I lie even among the children of men (that are set on fire:) whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

6 Set up thy self, O God, above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth.

7 They have laid a net for my feet, and pressed down my soul: they have digged a pit before me, and are fallen into the midst of it themselves.

8 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

9 Awake up my glory, awake lute and harp: I my self will awake right early.

10 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people: and I will sing unto thee among the nations.

11 For the greatness of thy mercy reacheth unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

12 Set up thy self, O God, above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth.

The PRAYER.

O Most high and mighty God, who hast set thy self above the heavens, and thy glory above all the earth, do thou send from heaven, and save us from the reproof of all our ghostly Enemies, who would eat us; for our soul is among Lions, and the Devil is busie seeking to devour us. O send out thy mercy and truth, deliver us from the malicious slander of men, and from the dreadful accusations of the Devils at the day of Judgment, who are set on fire against us, and their teeth are spears and arrows gnashing at us to tear us in pieces. Let thy mercy sustain us, let thy righteousness be interpos'd in answer for us, that as our enemies accuse us, thy mercies may acquit us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PSALM LVIII.

A Prayer that God's people may be delivered from the malice of wicked men.

ARe your minds set upon righteousness, O ye congregation? and do ye judge the thing that is right, O ye sons of men.

2 Yea, ye imagine mischief in your heart upon the earth: and your hands deal with wickedness.

3 The ungodly are froward even from their mothers womb: as soon as they be born, they go astray, and speak lyes.

4 They are as venomous as the poison of a serpent: even like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ears.

5 Which refuseth to hear the voice of the charmer, charm be never so wisely.

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6 Break their teeth (O God) in their mouths: smite the jaw bones of the lions, O Lord: let them fall away like water that runneth apace, and when they shoot their arrows, let them be rooted out.

7 Let them consume away like a snail, and be like the untimely fruit of a woman: and let them not see the sun.

8 Or ever your pots be made hot with thorns: so let indignation vex him, even as a thing that is raw.

9 The righteous shall rejoyce when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his footsteps in the blood of the ungodly.

10 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: doubtless there is a God that judgeth the earth.

The PRAYER.

O Almighty Lord, thou God that judgest the Earth, who preparest rewards for the righteous, and executest vengeance against the ungodly, deliver all thy chosen people from the peevishness of froward and ungodly men, whose hands deal with wickedness, and they imagine mischief in their hearts. And to thy servants give thy grace, that our minds may be set upon righteousness, that we may judge the thing that is right, never refusing to hear thy voice, or stopping our ears like the deaf adder against thy holy precepts, that we may have no iniquity in our mouths, nor unrighteousness in our actions, and at last we may have the reward of the righteous, the inheritance of thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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P S A L M LIX.

A Prayer against Hereticks, and all other Enemies of the Church.

Deliver me from mine enemies (O God,) defend me from them that rise up against me.

2 O deliver me from the wicked doers: and save me from the blood-thirsty men.

3 For lo, they lie waiting for my soul: the mighty men are gathered against me, without any offence or fault of me, O Lord.

4 They run and prepare themselves without any fault: arise thou there ore to help me, and behold.

5 Stand up (O Lord God of Hosts) thou God of Israel, to visit all the heathen: and be not merciful unto them that offend of malicious wickedness.

6 They go to and fro in the evening: they grin like a dog, and run about through the city.

7 Behold, they speak with their mouth, and swords are in their lips: for who doth hear?

8 But thou, O Lord, shalt have them in derision: and thou shalt laugh all the heathen to scorn.

9 My strength will I ascribe unto thee: for thou art the God of my refuge.

10 God sheweth me his goodness plenteously: and God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

11 Say them not, lest my people forget it: but scatter them abroad among the people, and put them down, O Lord, our defence.

12 For the sin of their mouth, and for the words of their lips, they shall be taken in their pride: and why? their preaching is of cursing and lies.

13 Consume them in thy wrath, consume them that they may perish, and know that it is God which ruleth in Jacob, and unto the ends of the world.

14 And in the evening they will return, grin like a dog, and will go about the city.

15 They will run here and there for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

16 As for me, I will sing of thy power, and will praise thy mercy betimes in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee (O my strength) will I sing: for thou, O God, art my refuge, and my merciful God.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God of Israel, visit us with thy salvation, and deliver us from the malice of wicked doers, and the violences of blood-thirsty men. Let not them prosper, O Lord, in their machinations, whose preaching is of cursing and lyes, and who offend of malicious wickedness: shew us thy goodness plenteously, that we may never forget thy mercies or thy Laws; for thou art our defence and refuge, and our merciful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM LX.

A Prayer in time of War, or Temptation.

O God, thou hast cast us out, and scattered us abroad; thou also hast been displeased: O turn thee to us again.

2 Thou hast moved the land, and divided it: heal the sores thereof, for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast shewed thy people heavy things: thou hast given us a drink of deadly wine.

4 Thou

4 Thou hast given a token for such as fear thee : that they may triumph because of the truth.

5 Therefore were thy beloved delivered : help me with thy right hand, and hear me.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness, I will rejoice and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

7 Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine : Ephraim also is the strength of my head, Juda is my law-giver.

8 Moab is my wash-pot, over Edom will I cast out my shooe ; Philistia, be thou glad of me.

9 Who will lead me into the strong City ? who will bring me into Edom ?

10 Hast thou not cast us out, O God ? wilt not thou, O God, go out with our hosts ?

11 O be thou our help in trouble : for vain is the help of man.

12 Through God will we do great acts : for it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, who for our sins hast shewed us heavy things, and given us a drink of deadly Wine, and yet hast never failed them that fear thee, but hast given them a token that they may triumph because of thy truth and mercy, consigning them to redemption and deliverance by the testimony and comforts of thy holy Spirit : O be thou our help in trouble, for all our hope is in thee, and we disclaim all confidence in our selves, or in the arm of flesh, praying thee for aid ; that in thy strength we may tread down our enemies, and give thee thanks, who art the fountain of strength and the disposer of Victories, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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PSALM LXI.

A Prayer for the King, and for comfort in sadness.

Hear my crying, O God : give ear unto my prayer.
2 From the ends of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart is in heaviness.

3 O set me upon the rock that is higher than I : for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.

4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever : and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

5 For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires, and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy name.

6 Thou shalt grant the King a long life : that his years may endure throughout all generations.

7 He shall dwell before God for ever : O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.

8 So will I always sing praise unto thy name : that I may daily perform my vows.

The P R A Y E R.

O Blessed Jesu, thou that art the rock higher than all the world, upon whom thy Church is built, and all our hopes rely, be merciful unto us, and give ear unto our prayers : be unto us a fountain of comfort whensoever our heart is in heaviness, for under the covering of thy wings there is joy and health and safety. Save all those that fear thy name, and give thy blessing to thine heritage : and that the blessings of thy people may be lasting and perpetual, give unto thy servant the King long life, let thy loving kindness and faithfulness
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alway preserve him, be a strong tower for him against all his enemies, and at last bring him to an eternal Kingdom, where no enemies shall assault or disturb his peace, that he may dwell before thee for ever, and rejoyce in the participation of the blessings of thy Kingdom, who livest and reignest ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXII.

A Prayer that we may trust in God only, in all our troubles.

MY soul truly waiteth still upon God : for of him cometh my salvation.

2 He verily is my strength and my salvation : he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.

3 How long will ye imagine mischief against every man ? ye shall be slain all the sort of you : yea, as a tottering wall shall ye be, and like a broken hedge.

4 Their device is only how to put him out whom God will exalt : their delight is in lyes : they give good words with their mouth, but curse with their heart.

5 Nevertheless, my soul, wait thou still upon God : for my hope is in him.

6 He truly is my strength and my salvation : he is my defence so that I shall not fall.

7 In God is my health and my glory, the rock of my might, and in God is my trust.

8 O put your trust in him alway (ye people :) pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.

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9 As for the children of men they are but vain: the children of men are deceitful upon the weights, they are altogether lighter than vanity it self.

10 O trust not in wrong and robbery, give not your selves unto vanity: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

11 God spake once and twice: and I have also heard the same, that power belongeth unto God.

12 And that thou, Lord, art merciful: for thou rewardest every man according to his work.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, of whom cometh our salvation, thou art our defence and strength, our health and our glory: give us thy grace, that we may put our whole trust in thee alway, that we may pour out our hearts before thee in all our troubles, that we may wait still upon thee for the performance of our expectation in all our longings and desires. Be thou our defence, uphold us that we may not fall into those great sins which lay waste our consciences, or into such miseries as make us without hope or remedy, the miseries of despair, obstinate malice, or the woes of a sad eternity. Teach us to despise riches, to disclaim all trust in the creatures, not to delight in lyes or vanity, not to multiply wrongs and robbery; that when thou shalt come with power and great glory, to reward every man according to his work, thou mayst be merciful unto us, pardoning our sins, and accepting us to life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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P S A L M LXIII.

A Prayer for the deliverance from the miseries of our pilgrimage; with longing and desires for God, and the joys of Heaven.

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee.
2 My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee, in a barren and dry land where no water is.

3 Thus have I looked for thee in holiness: that I might behold thy power and glory.

4 For thy loving kindness is better than the life it self: my lips shall praise thee.

5 As long as I live will I magnifie thee on this manner, and lift up my hands in thy name.

6 My soul shall be satisfied even as it were with marrow and fatness, when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

7 Have I not remembred thee in my bed, and thought upon thee when I was waking?

8 Because thou hast been my helper, therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

9 My soul hangeth upon thee: thy right hand hath upholden me.

10 These also that seek the hurt of my soul, they shall go under the earth.

11 Let them fall upon the edge of the sword: that they may be a portion for foxes.

12 But the King shall rejoice in God, all they also that swear by him shall be commended: for the mouth of them that speak lyes shall be stopped.

The PRAYER.

O Merciful and dear God, whose loving kindness is better than the life it self, defend us against the malice and designs of all them that seek the hurt of our souls, and make

us to rejoice in thy help, and under the shadow of thy wings. O let the day-spring of thy favour visit us from on high, that we may seek thee with an early devotion, pursue after thee with a constant and an active industry, and at last possess thee with the firm comprehensions of love and charity: that in this world we looking for thee in holiness of living, longing and thirsting after thee with fervent desires, may for ever hereafter behold thy power and glory, and our souls be eternally satisfied, even as with marrow and fatness, when our lips and hearts shall praise thee to all eternity. Grant this for the love and honour of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

PSALM LXIV.

A Prayer for deliverance from the slander and mischiefs of all wicked persons.

Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the gathering together of the froward, and from the insurrection of wicked doers.

3 Which have whet their tongue like a sword, and shoot out their arrows, even bitter words.

4 That they may privily shoot at him that is perfect: suddenly do they hit him and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves in mischief, and commune among themselves how they may lay snares, and say that no man shall see them.

6 They imagine wickedness, and practise it: that they keep secret among themselves, every man in the deep of his heart.

7 But

7 But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a swift arrow, that they shall be wounded.

8 Yea; their own tongues shall make them fall: inso-much that whoso seeth them shall laugh them to scorn.

9 And all men that see it, shall say, This hath God done: for they shall perceive that it is his work.

10 The righteous shall rejoyce in the Lord, and put his trust in him: and all they that are true of heart shall be glad.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, thou that hearest the voice of our prayers, and considerest the cries of them that flie unto thee for succour, deliver us and all thy whole Church from the gathering together of the froward, and from the insurrection of wicked doers. Disappoint their snares, infatuate their counsels, distract their consultations, and blast all their designs; let the swords and arrows of their tongues be shot in vain, that they may never hit any of thy servants, nor wound him that is perfect. Make them to fall (O God) in their hopes, whereby they encourage themselves in mischief and fear not; and do thou laugh them to scorn: that we who have put our trust in thee, may rejoyce in thee, and confess that it is thy work to give salvation and deliverance to thy people whom thou lovest in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Evening

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P S A L M L X V.

A Prayer for spiritual blessings, and for fruitfulness of the earth.

THOU, O God, art praised in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

2 Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou chusest and receivest unto thee: he shall dwell in thy Court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation: thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad-sea.

6 Which in his strength setteth fast the mountains, and is girded about with power.

7 Which stilleth the raging of the sea, and the noise of his waves, and the madness of his people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens: thou that makest the out-goings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: thou makest it very plenteous.

10 The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof: thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy clouds drop fatness.

13 They

13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness: and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

14 The folds shall be full of sheep: the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

The PRAYER.

O God the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea, be thou merciful unto our sins, and let not our misdeeds prevail against us, so as either to make us habitually sinful or endlessly miserable; but give us the blessings of thy chosen: let us receive the influences of thy graces and benediction, by the participation of thy Word and Sacraments in thy holy Temple. And as thou embracest us with thy right hand, shewing us wonderful things in thy righteousness and salvation; so let thy left hand be under our heads, and give us such a portion of temporal blessings as shall be necessary for us. Make the earth plenteous, and bless the increase of it: crown the year with goodness, and let the clouds drop fatness; that the valleys standing thick with corn, may laugh and sing thy praises, and that we being refreshed with the multitude of thy blessings, may praise thee in Sion, and at last be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house in the celestial Jerusalem, where thou livest and reignest, one God world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM LXVI.

A Prayer that God would support us in times of trouble, and deliver us.

O Be joyful in God all ye lands, sing praises unto the honour of his name: make his praise to be glorious.

2 Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found lyers unto thee.

3 For all the world shall worship thee, sing of thee, and praise thy name.

4 O come hither, and behold the works of God; how wonderful he is in his doings towards the children of men.

5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot: there did we rejoice thereof.

6 He ruleth with his power for ever, his eyes behold the people: and such as will not believe, shall not be able to exalt themselves.

7 O praise our God (ye people,) and make the voice of his praise to be heard.

8 Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip.

9 For thou (O God) hast proved us: thou also hast tried us like as silver is tried.

10 Thou broughtest us into the snare, and laidst trouble upon our loins.

11 Thou sufferedst them to ride over our heads: we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

12 I will go into thy house with burnt-offerings, and will pay thee my vows which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams: I will offer bullocks and goats.

14 O come hither and hearken all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.

15 I called unto him with my mouth, and gave him praises with my tongue.

16 If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart, the Lord will not hear me.

17 But God hath heard me, and considered the voice of my prayer.

18 Praised be God which hath not cast out my prayer, nor turned his mercy from me.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, who art wonderful in thy works and in thy doings towards the children of men; thou chastisest every one whom thou receivest, proving us and trying us, like as silver is tried: let thy merciful hands lead us through the fire of afflictions and the waters of temporal chastisements, so as we may not be consumed with the flames of thy wrath, nor the waters go over our souls; but that we being sustained by the comforts of thy Spirit, and refreshed with the dew of thy graces, we may at last be brought out into a wealthy place, even the place of eternal treasures. O give us thy grace, that our hearts incline not to wickedness, and that our feet slip not; that so we regarding thy laws, and having respect to obey thy holy will and pleasure, thou mayest hear our prayers, the greatness of thy power may cast down all our enemies, that they may never be able to exalt themselves; that while thou holdest our souls in life, we may never cease praising thee, who hast never turned thy

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thy mercy from us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM LXVII.

A Prayer that all men may bless God, and God may bless all men.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.

2 That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all Nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the Nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the Nations upon earth.

5 Let all the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our God, thou Governour of all Nations, and the righteous Judge of the whole earth, be merciful unto us and bless us. Thou makest the Sun to shine upon all the corners of the habitable World, giving his light both to the good and bad ; let the light of thy countenance diffuse it self to all Nations, and to all men : Lighten all our darkneses with the beams of thy divine favour, teach thy ways unto all the people of

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the earth, and give thy saving health to all Nations; that while all join with one consent to fear thee and to give thee praises, thou mayst govern us in all peace and righteousness, and when thou shalt come to judge us, we may receive thy everlasting mercies. Grant this for Jesus Christ his sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXVIII.

*A Prayer for defence and propagation of the
Catholick Church.*

LET God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 Like as the smoak vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away: and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God: let them also be merry and joyful.

4 O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his name: magnifie him that rideth upon the heavens as it were upon an horse; praise him in his name, yea, and rejoice before him.

5 He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows: even God in his holy habitation.

6 He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity: but letteth the runnagates continue in scarceness.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before the people, when thou wentest through the wilderness.

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8 The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God: even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, which is the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance, and refreshedst it when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation shall dwell therein: for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

11 The Lord gave the word: great was the company of the preachers.

12 Kings with their armies did flee and were discomfited: and they of the household divided the spoil.

13 Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove, that is covered with silver wings, and her feathers like gold.

14 When the Almighty scattered Kings for their sake, then were they as white as snow in Salmon.

15 As the hill of Basan, so is God's hill: even an high hill, as the hill of Basan.

16 Why hop ye so, ye high hills: this is God's hill, in which it pleaseth him to dwell: yea, the Lord will abide in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of Angels: and the Lord is among them as in the holy place of Sinai.

18 Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men: yea, even for thine enemies, that the Lord God may dwell among them.

19 Praised be the Lord daily: even the God which helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon us.

20 He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation: God is the Lord by whom we escape death.

21 God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his wickedness.

22 The Lord hath said, I will bring my people again, as I did from Basan: mine own will I bring again, as I did sometime from the deep of the Sea.

23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies: and that the tongue of thy dogs may be red through the same.

24 It is well seen, O God, how thou goest : how thou, my God and my King, goest in the sanctuary.

25 The singers go before, the minstrels follow after : in the midst are the damsels playing with the timbrels.

26 Give thanks, O Israel, unto God the Lord in the congregations, from the ground of the heart.

27 There is little Benjamin their Ruler, and the Princes of Judah their counsel : the Princes of Zabulon, and the Princes of Nephthali.

28 Thy God hath sent forth strength for thee : stablish the thing, O God, that thou hast wrought in us.

29 For thy temples sake at Jerusalem : so shall Kings bring presents unto thee.

30 When the company of the spear-men and multitude of the mighty are scattered abroad among the beasts of the people (so that they humbly bring pieces of silver) and when he hath scattered the people that delight in war ;

31 Then shall the Princes come out of Egypt : the Merians land shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the earth : O sing praises unto the Lord.

33 Which sitteth in the heavens over all from the beginning : lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and that a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye the power to God over Israel : his worship and strength is in the clouds.

35 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy places : even the God of Israel he will give strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, mighty and merciful, thou ridest upon the Heavens as it were upon an horse, thou art the father of the fatherless, and defendest the cause of the widow ; have mercy upon thy Holy Church : and since her
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Lord and Spouse is gone up on high, even to his holy habitation, leave us not comfortless, but send the Holy Ghost in assistances and gifts to dwell amongst us; that by his aid we may escape death spiritual, and the bitterness of the temporal. Send a gracious rain, even the dew of thy divine favours, upon thine inheritance, to refresh us in our weariness and sadnesses. Make thy people innocent and chaste as the dove; and besides the beauty of internal sanctity, let thy Church be covered with silver wings, and her feathers like gold, decked and assisted with exterior advantages, as may best promote thy Honour, and the services of Religion. Let all the Princes and Lands of the earth stretch their hands out unto thee, O God, and confess thy mightiness and thy honour; that thy Gospel going forth into all lands, peace and all thy blessings may follow it, and thy praise be multiplied from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXIX.

*A Prayer in time of persecution for the cause
of Religion.*

SAve me, O God, for the waters are come in even unto my soul.

2 I stick fast in the deep mire where no ground is: I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.

3 I am weary of crying, my throat is dry: my fight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.

5 I payed them the things that I never took: God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause: let not them that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.

7 And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof: shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren: even an alien unto my mothers children.

9 For the Zeal of thy house hath even eaten me: and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

10 I wept and chastned my self with fasting: and that was turned to my reproof.

11 I put on sackcloth also: and they jested upon me.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me: and the drunkards make songs upon me.

13 But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee in an acceptable time.

14 Hear

14 Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy : even in the truth of thy salvation.

15 Take me out of the mire, that I sink not : oh let me be delivered from them that hate me ; and out of the deep waters.

16 Let not the water floods drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up : and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

17 Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving kindness is comfortable : turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

18 And hide not thy face from thy servant ; for I am in trouble : oh haste thee and hear me.

19 Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it : oh deliver me, because of mine enemies.

20 Thou hast known my reproof, my shame and my dishonour : mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

21 Thy rebuke hath broken my heart, I am full of heaviness : I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me.

22 They gave me gall to eat, and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.

23 Let their table be made a snare to take themselves withal : and let the things (that should have been for their wealth) be unto them an occasion of falling.

24 Let their eyes be blinded that they see not : and ever bow down their backs.

25 Pour out thy indignation upon them : and let thy wrathful displeasure take hold of them.

26 Let their habitation be void, and no man to dwell in their tents.

27 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten : and they talk how they may vex them whom thou hast wounded.

28 Let them fall from one wickedness to another, and not come into thy righteousness.

29 Let them be wiped out of the book of the living, and not be written among the righteous.

30 As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness, thy help (O God) shall lift me up.

31 I will praise the name of God with a song, and magnifie it with thanksgiving.

32 This also shall please the Lord better than a bullock that hath horns and hoofts.

33 The humble shall consider this, and be glad : seek ye after God, and your soul shall live.

34 For the Lord heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners.

35 Let heaven and earth praise him : the sea, and all that moveth therein.

36 For God will save Sion, and build the cities of Iuda : that men may dwell there, and have it in possession.

37 The posterity also of his servants shall inherit it : and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

The PRAYER.

O Blessed Jesu, whose loving kindness is comfortable, who for our sakes didst taste vinegar and gall, that thou mightest redeem us from the bitterness of death and sin, and establish to thy self a Church in Holy Religion, and defend it with thy favour and power ; have mercy upon thy servants, who suffer from the hands of their enemies for the testimony of a good conscience and the doctrines of a Catholick faith. Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of Hosts, be ashamed, but let them who for thy sake have suffered reproof, be delivered from them that hate them, and from the deep waters of persecutions and discomforts ; that we and all thy faithful people being saved from our enemies, may praise thee and thy faithfulness in this world, and may finally inherit the land
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of promise, which thou hast made to all that suffer persecution for a cause of righteousness, even the possession of thine inheritance, thy Kingdom in Heaven, where thou livest and reignest ever one God world without end.
Amen.

PSALM LXX.

*A Prayer to God for blessings upon faithful people
and deliverance from our enemies.*

HAste thee, O God, to deliver me: make haste to help me, O Lord.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.

3 Let them (for their reward) be soon brought to shame that cry over me, There, there.

4 But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee: and let all such as delight in thy salvation, say alway, The Lord be praised.

5 As for me, I am poor and in misery: haste thee unto me (O God.)

6 Thou art my helper and my redeemer: O Lord, make no long tarrying.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God our Helper and Redeemer, have mercy upon us and all thy faithful people: make haste and help us, O God, against all those that seek after our souls to do us mischief: make us to delight in thee, to wait for thy salvation, to trust in thy mercies, to rejoice in thy excellencies and perfection;

that our feet being directed by thy guidance, our weaknesses strengthened by thy power, our sins pardoned by thy mercies, and our souls justified by thy free grace, we may always give thee praise with the humble addresses of devotion and thankfulness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXXI.

A Prayer for the continuance of God's favour to us, even to our old age, and a longing for a happy departure.

IN thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion : but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness ; incline thine ear unto me, and save me.

2 Be thou my strong hold, whereunto I may always resort : thou hast promised to help me, for thou art my house of defence and my castle.

3 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly : out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

4 For thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for : thou art my hope even from my youth.

5 Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born : thou art he that took me out of my mothers womb, my praise shall be alway of thee.

6 I am become as it were a monster unto many : but my sure trust is in thee.

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7 O let my mouth be filled with thy praise : that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

8 Cast me not away in the time of age : forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

9 For mine enemies speak against me, and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying, God hath forsaken him, persecute him, and take him, for there is none to deliver him.

10 Go not far from me, O God : my God, haste thee to help me.

11 Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul : let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil.

12 As for me, I will patiently abide alway, and will praise thee more and more.

13 My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation : for I know no end thereof.

14 I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God : and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

15 Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now : therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

16 Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed : until I have shewn thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

17 Thy righteousness, O God, is very high : and great things are they that thou hast done, O God, who is like unto thee ?

18 O what great troubles and adversities hast thou shewed me ! and yet didst thou turn and refresh me, yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

19 Thou hast brought me to great honour and comforted me on every side.

20 Therefore will I praise thee and thy faithfulness (O God) playing upon an instrument of musick : unto thee will I sing upon the harp, O thou holy one of Israel.

21 My lips will be fain when I sing unto thee : and so will my soul whom thou hast delivered.

22 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long : for they are confounded and brought unto shame that seek to do me evil.

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The PRAYER.

O Lord God, our house of Defence and our Castle, who by thy mercies and thy loving Spirit hast taught us and led us in thy ways from our first years until now, thou hast brought us to great honour, even the honour of being Christians, the honour of adoption to be thy children and heirs of thy glorious promises, co-heirs with thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast comforted us on every side with a continual stream of thy mercies and refreshments: give us thy grace that we may love thee, and long for thee above all the things of this World. And as thou hast holden us up ever since we were born; so let thy mercy go along with us all our days: cast us not away in the time of age, and give us grace that we may never cast thee or thy laws from us. Let not thy grace and the ghostly strength we derive from thee forsake us when our natural strength fails us, but let our spirit grow upon the disadvantages of the flesh, and begin to receive the happiness of eternity by an absolute conquest over the weakned and decaying body; that after we have by thy aid passed through the great troubles and adversities thou shewest unto all thy children in this world, we may lie down in righteousness and with thy favour; that when thou bringest us out from the deep of the earth again, we may have a joyful resurrection.

ation to the society of Saints and Angels, and the full fruition of our Lord and Saviour Jesus-Christ. *Amen.*

PSALM LXXII.

A Prayer for the exaltation and propagation of Christ's Kingdom.

Give the King thy judgments (O God,) and thy righteousness unto the Kings son.

2 Then shall he judge the people according unto right, and defend the poor.

3 The mountains also shall bring peace, and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

4 He shall keep the simple folks by their right, defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endureth, from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain into a fleece of wooll: even as the drops that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish: yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

8 His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, and from the flood unto the worlds end.

9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him: his enemies shall lick the dust.

10 The Kings of Tharsis and the Isles shall give presents: the Kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

11 All Kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth: the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

13 He shall be favourable to the simple and needy: and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

14 He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong: and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia: prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

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16 There shall be an heap of corn in the earth high upon the hills: his fruit shall shake like Libanus, and shall be green in the city, like grass upon the earth.

17 His name shall endure for ever, his name shall remain under the sun among the posterities which shall be blessed through him, and all the heathen shall praise him.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel, which only doth wondrous things.

19 And blessed be the name of his Majesty for ever: and all the earth shall be filled with his Majesty. Amen. Amen.

The PRAYER.

O Blessed Jesu, who didst descend from Heaven into the womb of the blessed Virgin like rain into a fleece of wooll, thou that punishest the wrong doer, and defendest the children of the poor, and them that have no helper, have mercy upon thy Holy Church; be pleased, by her ministry to extend thy blessings and thy dominion from the one Sea to the other, even unto the worlds end, that all Kings of the Earth may fall down before thee, and all Nations may do thee service. Make thy righteous people to flourish, and subdue their enemies under them, delivering them from falshood and wrong, that they may be blessed with abundance of peace, and be satisfied with thy righteousness and Salvation through thy mercies, O blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesu. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXXIII.

*A Prayer that we may have our portion in God,
and not in the good things of the men of this
world.*

TRuly God is loving unto Israel: even unto such
as are of a clean heart.

2 Nevertheless my feet were almost gone: my
treadings had well nigh slipped.

3 And why? I was grieved at the wicked: I do also
see the ungodly in such prosperity.

4 For they are in no peril of death, but are lusty
and strong.

5 They come in no misfortune like other folk: nei-
ther are they plagued like other men.

6 And this is the cause that they be so holden with
pride, and overwhelmed with cruelty.

7 Their eyes swell with fatness: and they do even
what they lust.

8 They corrupt others, and speak of wicked blasphe-
my: their talking is against the most Highest.

9 For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven:
and their tongue goeth through the world.

10 Therefore fall the people unto them: and there-
out suck they no small advantage.

11 Tush (say they) how should God perceive it? is
there knowledge in the most Highest?

12 Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the
world, and these have riches in possession: and I said,
Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my
hands in innocency.

13 All the day long have I been punished, and cha-
stened every morning.

14 Yea,

14 Yea, and I had almost said even as they : but lo, then should I have condemned the generation of thy people.

15 Then thought I to understand this : but it was too hard for me.

16 Until I went into the sanctuary of God, then understood I the end of these men.

17 Namely, how thou dost set them in slippery places : and castest them down, and destroyest them :

18 Oh how suddenly do they consume, perish, and come to a fearful end.

19 Yea, even like as a dream when one awaketh : so shalt thou make their image to vanish out of the city.

20 Thus my heart was grieved : and it went even through my reins.

21 So foolish was I and ignorant : even as it were a beast before thee.

22 Nevertheless I am alway by thee : for thou hast holden me by my right hand.

23 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and after that receive me with glory.

24 Whom have I in heaven but thee ? and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.

25 My flesh and my heart faileth : but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

26 For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish : thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against thee.

27 But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God : and to speak of all thy works (in the gates of the daughter of Sion.)

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, who art loving unto all thy Church, even unto all such as are of a clean heart, give us hearts humble and merciful, that we may never be holden with pride, nor overwhelmed with cruelty; and sanctifie our words and lips, that we may never blaspheme thy holiness, nor our talking be ever against thee or thy honour. O God most Highest, give unto us such religious and mortified affections, that we may never thirst after the temporal advantages and prosperities of the wicked: set not our feet in slippery places, lest we be suddenly cast down, and have our portion in the lot of the wicked, who perish and come to a fearful end: guide us with thy counsel, that we holding us fast by thee, and putting our trust in thee, O God, thou mayst be the strength of our hearts, the hope of our souls, and the ground of all the confidence and content in this life, and after this life is ended thou mayst receive us with glory. and be our portion for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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PSALM LXXIV.

A Prayer against all sacrilegious persons, and all the enemies of the Church.

O God, wherefore art thou absent from us so long? why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?

2 O think upon thy congregation, whom thou hast purchased and redeemed of old.

3 Think upon the tribe of thy inheritance, and mount Sion wherein thou hast dwelt.

4 Lift up thy feet, that thou mayst utterly destroy every enemy which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.

5 Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregation, and set up their banners for tokens.

6 He that hewed timber afore out of the thick trees, was known to bring it to an excellent work.

7 But now they break down all the carved work therefore with axes and hammers.

8 They have set fire upon thy holy places, and have defiled the dwelling place of thy name, even unto the ground.

9 Yea, they said in their hearts, Let us make havock of them altogether: thus have they burnt up all the houses of God in the land.

10 We see not our tokens, there is not one Prophet more: no nor one is there among us that understandeth any more.

11 O God, how long shall the adversary do this dishonour? how long shall the enemy blaspheme thy name, for ever?

12 Why withdrawest thou thy hand? why pluckest not thou thy right hand out of thy bosom to consume the enemy?

13 For God is my King of old: the help that is done upon earth he doth it himself.

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14 Thou didst divide the sea through thy power : thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.

15 Thou smotest the heads of Leviathan in pieces : and gavest him to be meat for the people in the wilderness.

16 Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the hard rocks : thou driedst up mighty waters.

17 The day is thine, and the night is thine : thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

18 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth : thou hast made summer and winter.

19 Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy hath rebuked : and how the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.

20 O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the enemies : and forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.

21 Look upon the covenant : for all the earth is full of darkness and cruel habitations.

22 Oh let not the simple go away ashamed : but let the poor and needy give praise unto thy name.

23 Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause : remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.

24 Forget not the voice of thine enemies : the presumption of them that hate thee increaseth ever more and more.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, blessed Jesu, who with thy precious blood hast purchased to thy self and redeemed a Church, that it should serve thee in holiness and righteousness, being delivered from fear of all their adversaries ; forget not the congregation of thy poor people for ever, maintain thine own cause, deliver thy Turtle-dove from the multitude of her enemies. Preserve with thy right hand all the places appointed for thy publick service ;

vice; let a guard of flaming Cherubims (as at the gate of Paradise) stand Centinel, and keep from the invasions of sacrilegious persons and the pollutions of all impure Church-robbers all thy dwelling places, that thou mayst for ever dwell among us, defending the poor, bringing help to all thy people, and particular blessings and assistances to the Tribe of thine own inheritance, which thou hast sanctified to thy worship and service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Fifteenth Day.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXXV.

A Prayer against the terrours of the day of Judgment.

UNto thee, (O God) do we give thanks: yea, unto thee do we give thanks:

2 Thy name also is so high: and that do thy wondrous works declare.

3 When I receive the congregation, I shall judge according unto right.

4 The earth is weak, and all the inhabitants thereof: I bear up the pillars of it.

5 I said unto the fools deal not so madly: and to the ungodly, Set not up your horn.

6 Set not up your horn on high, and speak not with a stiff neck.

7 For promotion cometh neither from the East nor from the West, nor yet from the South.

8 And why? God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

9 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red: it is full mixt, and he poureth out the same.

10 As for the dregs thereof, all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them, and suck them out.

11 But I will talk of the God of Jacob, and praise him for ever.

12 All the horns of the ungodly also will I break: and the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

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O Lord God, the Judge of all the World, from whom cometh all promotion and all punishment, have mercy upon us now, at the hour of death, and in the day of Judgment, when thou shalt judge all the congregations of Men and Angels according unto right. O give us grace to expect thy coming in humility and charity, that we be not stiff-necked and exalted in our own opinion and conceptions, but may submit to thy yoke with meekness and obedience; that when thou shalt pour forth the cup of vengeance upon the ungodly, we may not drink or taste of the dregs of it, but may sit down at thy Table in the Supper of the Lamb, and be satisfied with the blessings of Eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM LXXVI.

A Prayer that we may fear God's Judgments, and be freed from the terrours of men.

- I**N Jury is God know : his name is great in Israel.
 2 At Salem is his tabernacle, and his dwelling in Sion.
 3 There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, the sword and the battle.
 4 Thou art of more honour and might than the hills of the robbers.
 5 The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep: and all the men (whose hands were mighty) have found nothing.
 6 At thy rebuke (O God of Jacob) both the chariot and horse are fallen.
 7 Thou even thou art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?
 8 Thou did cause thy judgments to be heard from heaven: and the earth trembled and was still.
 9 When God arose to judgment, and to help all the meek upon earth.
 10 The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise: and the fierceness of them shalt thou restrain.
 11 Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it, all ye that be round about him: bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
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A Prayer that the experience of God's goodness may produce hope in us, and remove from us all fearfulness and doubting.

I Will cry unto God with my voice: even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

2 In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord: my fore ran and ceased not, in the night season my soul refused comfort.

3 When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God: when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so feeble, that I cannot speak.

5 I have considered the days of old, and the years that are past.

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5 I have considered the days of old, and the years that are past.

6 I call to remembrance my song: and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirit.

7 Will the Lord absent himself for ever? and will he be no more intreated?

8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever? and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? and will he shut up his loving kindness in displeasure?

10 And I said, It is mine own infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most Highest.

11 I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind thy wonders of old time.

12 I will think also of all thy works: and my talking shall be of thy doings.

13 Thy way, O God, is holy: who is so great a God (as our God?)

14 Thou art the God that doth wonders, that hast declared thy power among the people.

15 Thou hast mightily delivered thy people: even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee and were afraid: the depths were troubled.

17 The clouds also poured out water, the air thundered, and thine arrows went abroad.

18 The voice of thy thunder was heard round about: the lightning shone upon the ground, the earth was moved, and shook withal.

19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths in the great waters: and thy footsteps are not known.

20 Thou leddest thy people like sheep by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

The PRAYER.

O God who dost wonders, and hast declared thy power amongst all people, let the observation of thy mercies and loving kindnesses make such deep impression in our hearts and memories, that when we are in heaviness we may remember the years of thy right hand, and call to mind the wonders of old time: that although thou sometimes withdrawest the brightness of thy countenance from us, and shuttest up thy loving kindness in a short displeasure, yet the experience of thy old mercies, which never fail, may sustain our infirmities, and the expectation of thy loving kindnesses may cure all our impatience, till in thy due time the sense of thy favours may actually relieve all our distresses, and thy right hand lead us like sheep into the folds of eternal rest and security, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

H Evening

Lord to us

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXXVIII.

A Commemoration of God's blessings to his Church of old, of his Judgments upon sinners, and his mercies to the penitent.

Hear my law, O my people: incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will declare hard sentences of old.

3 Which we have heard and known, and such as our fathers have told us.

4 That we should not hide them from the children of the generations to come: but to shew the honour of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works that he hath done.

5 He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law: which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children.

6 That their posterity might know it, and the children which are yet unborn.

7 To the intent, that when they came up, they might shew their children the same.

8 That they might put their trust in God: and not to forget the works of God, but to keep his commandments.

9 And not to be as their forefathers, a faithless and stubborn generation: a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit cleaved not stedfast unto God.

10 Like as the children of Ephraim, which being hardened and carrying bows, turned themselves back in the day of battel.

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11 They kept not the covenant of God, and would not walk in his law.

12 But forgot what he had done, and the wonderful works that he had shewed for them.

13 Marvellous things did he in the sight of our forefathers in the land of Egypt: even in the field of Zoan.

14 He divided the sea, and let them go through: he made the waters to stand on a heap.

15 In the day time also he led them with a cloud, and all the night through with a light of fire.

16 He clave the hard rocks in the wilderness: and gave them drink thereof, as it had been out of the great depth.

17 He brought waters out of the stony rock: so that it gushed out like the rivers.

18 Yet for all this they sinned more against him, and provoked the most Highest in the wilderness.

19 They tempted God in their hearts, and required meat for their lust.

20 They spake against God also, saying, Shall God prepare a table in the wilderness?

21 He smote the stony rock indeed, that the water gushed out, and the streams flowed withal: but can he give bread also, or provide flesh for his people?

22 When the Lord heard this, he was wroth: so the fire was kindled in Jacob, and there came up heavy displeasure against Israel.

23 Because they believed not in God, and put not their trust in his help.

24 Lo he commanded the clouds above, and opened the doors of heaven.

25 He rained down Manna also upon them for to eat, and gave them food from heaven.

26 So man did eat Angels food: for he sent them meat enough.

27 He caused the East-wind to blow under heaven: and through his power he brought in the South-west wind.

28 He rained flesh upon them as thick as dust, and scattered fowls like as the sand of the sea.

29 He let it fall among their tents, even round about their habitation.

30 So they did eat and were filled, for he gave them their own desire: they were not disappointed of their lust.

31 But while the meat was yet in their mouths, the heavy wrath of God came upon them, and slew the wealthiest of them: yea, and smote down the chosen men that were in Israel.

32 But for all this they sinned yet more, and believed not his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble.

34 When he slew them, they sought him, and turned them early and enquired after God.

35 And they remembered that God was their strength, and that the high God was their Redeemer.

36 Nevertheless they did but flatter him with their mouth and dissembled with him in their tongue.

37 For their heart was not whole with him, neither continued they stedfast in his covenant.

38 But he was so merciful that he forgave their misdeeds, and destroyed them not.

39 Yea many a time turned he his wrath away, and would not suffer his whole displeasure to arise.

40 For he considered that they were but flesh: and that they were even a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

41 Many a time did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieved him in the desert.

42 They turned back and tempted God, and moved the Holy one in Israel.

43 They thought not of his hand, and of the day when he delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

44 How he had wrought his miracles in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan.

45 He turned their waters into blood: so that they might not drink of the rivers.

46 He sent lice among them, and devoured them up: and frogs to destroy them.

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47 He gave their fruit unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the grasshopper.

48 He destroyed their vines with hail-stones, and their mulberry-trees with the frost.

49 He smote their cattel also with hail-stones, and their flocks with hot thunder-bolts.

50 He cast upon them the furiousness of his wrath, anger, displeasure, and trouble: and sent evil Angels among them.

51 He made a way to his indignation, and spared not their soul from death; but gave their life over to the pestilence.

52 And smote all the first-born in Egypt: the most principal and mightiest in the dwellings of Ham.

53 But as for his own people, he led them forth like sheep: and carried them in the wilderness like a flock.

54 He brought them out safely that they should not fear: and overwhelmed their enemies with the Sea.

55 And brought them within the borders of his sanctuary; even to his mountain, which he purchased with his right hand.

56 He cast out the Heathen also before them: caused their land to be divided among them for an heritage, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

57 So they tempted and displeased the most high God, and kept not his testimonies.

58 But turned their backs and fell away like their forefathers: starting aside like a broken bow.

59 For they grieved him with their hill altars, and provoked him to displeasure with their images.

60 When God heard this, he was wroth, and took sore displeasure at Israel.

61 So that he forsook the tabernacle in Silo, even the tent that he had pitched among them.

62 He delivered their power into captivity, and their beauty into the enemies hand.

63 He gave his people over also unto the sword, and was wroth with his inheritance.

64 The fire consumed their young men: and their maidens were not given to marriage.

65 Their Priests were slain with the sword : and there were no widows to make lamentation.

66 So the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and like a giant refreshed with wine.

67 He smote his enemies in the hinder parts, and put them to a perpetual shame.

68 He refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim.

69 But chose the tribe of Juda : even the hill of Sion, which he loved.

70 And there he builded his temple on high, and laid the foundation of it like the ground which he hath made continually.

71 He chose David also his servant, and took him away from the sheepfolds.

72 As he was following the ewes great with young ones he took him : that he might feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

73 So he fed them with a faithful and true heart, and ruled them prudently with all his power.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God of our Fathers, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, thou that leddest thy people through the Wilderness with a light and with a cloud, and with thy bright Angel ; for their sakes turning rocks into a springing well, and making the Sea and the River become dry land, so making demonstration of the greatness of thy mercy by the greatness of thy miracles, and didst still go on to make all thy creatures leave their natures to serve them, even then when they tempted and provoked thee ten times in the Desert : O be pleased to do unto us as thou didst to them, lead us through the desert of this

this World with the light of thy holy Spirit; and from the rock which for our sakes thou didst smite with thy heavy rod, the rock Christ Jesus, let water and blood stream forth to cleanse, and to refresh us. Give us of the bread that came down from Heaven, the flesh of thy dear Son to eat: that we being purified by his blood, and nourished by that celestial Manna, our hearts may be set aright, and our spirits may cleave stedfastly unto thee, O God, that we may remember thy works, and trust in thy mercies, and may keep thy Commandments. O never let the fire of thy wrath be kindled towards us, nor thy heavy displeasure come up against us. Let us not consume our days in folly and vanity, lest our years be spent in trouble; but when through infirmity we fall, let thy gentle correction call us home, that we may turn us early, and seek after thee, our God, who art our strength and our merciful Redeemer; that we may never feel the furiousness of thy eternal wrath, nor have our portion amongst the evil Angels, but may be conducted by thy mercies and providence to the border of thy Sanctuary, and to the mountain where thou reignest over all the creatures, one God world without end.

Amen.

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM LXXIX.

A Prayer that God would deliver his Church from the cruelty of all her persecutors.

O God, the Heathen are come into thine inheritance: thy holy Temple have they defiled, and made Jerusalem an heap of stones.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat to the fowls of the air, and the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the land.

3 Their blood have they shed like water on every side of Jerusalem: and there was no man to bury them.

4 We are become an open shame to our enemies: a very scorn and derision unto them that are round about us.

5 Lord, how long wilt thou be angry? shall thy jealousy burn like fire for ever?

6 Pour out thine indignation upon the Heathen that have not known thee, and upon the Kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.

8 O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon: for we are come to great misery.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: O deliver us, and be merciful unto our sins for thy names sake.

10 Wherefore do the heathen say, Where is now their God?

11 O let the vengeance of thy servants blood that is shed, be openly shewed upon the heathen in our sight.

12 O let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before thee: according to the greatness of thy power preserve those that are appointed to die.

13 And for the blasphemy wherewith our neighbours have blasphemed thee, reward thou them (O Lord) seven-fold into their bosom.

14 So we that be thy people, and sheep of thy pasture, shall give thee thanks for ever: and will always be shewing forth thy praise from generation to generation.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God of thine inheritance, who conveyest many blessings to the children of men by the prayer and ministry of thy Church, let our prayers obtain of thee mercies and deliverances for her. O Lord, thou hast planted thy Church in the humility and poverty and death of thy Son, thou hast watered it with the blood of thy Apostles and Martyrs, thou hast made it flourish and spread forth its branches, by the warmth and heat and graces of thy holy Spirit, and hast, according to thy promise, still preserved it in the midst of all enmities and disadvantages. Thy Laws and righteous Commandments have been a scorn and derision to Jews and Gentiles: the flesh of thy servants hath been meat for the beasts of the Land: and still she wears the purple robe of mockery, and the crown of thorns, which at first she took from the head and side of her dearest Lord. At last, O Lord, be gracious unto thine inheritance: help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy Name: let not thine enemies

devour the Church, and lay waste her dwelling places: be merciful unto our sins: preserve all those that by malice of their enemies are appointed to death, or prison, or any other misery: let us still enjoy the freedom of thy Gospel, the food of thy Word, the sweet refreshings of thy Sacraments, publick communion in thy Church, and all the benefits of the Society of Saints; and let not our sins cause thee to remove the Candlestick from us, but make thy people and the sheep of thy pasture secure and glad in thy salvation, that we may shew forth thy praise in this world and in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM LXXX.

A Prayer for the Church.

HEAR me, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep: shew thy self also thou that sittest upon the Cherubims.

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasses, stir up thy strength and come and help us.

3 Turn us again, O God: shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

4 O Lord God of Hosts, how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts: shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

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8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the Heathen, and planted it.

9 Thou madest room for it: and when it had taken root, it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it: and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar trees.

11 She stretched out her branches unto the sea, and her boughs unto the river.

12 Why hast thou then broken down her hedge, that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?

13 The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up, and the wild beasts of the field devour it.

14 Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven: behold and visit this vine.

15 And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest so strong for thy self.

16 It is burnt with fire, and cut down: and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, and upon the son of man whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

18 And so will not we go back from thee: O let us live, and we shall call upon thy name.

19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts: shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

The PRAYER.

O Thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that fittest upon the Cherubims, stir up thy strength, and come and help thy people that prayeth unto thee for mercy and protection. Thou hast made affliction the portion of thy children in this life: thou feedest them with bread of tears, and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink: yet be pleased to shew the light of thy countenance upon us, to lighten
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our darknesſes, to relieve our miſeries, to heal our ſickneſſes; and let not thy Church become a ſtriſe unto her neighbours, but reunite her diſiſions, and make her not a prey to them that would devour her, and then laugh her to ſcorn. O Lord, hedge her about with thy mercies, with the cuſtody of Angels, with the Patronage of Kings and Princes, with the hearts and hands of Nobles, and the defence of the whole ſecular arm; leſt the wild beaſts of the field pluck off her grapes, deſtroy the vintage, and root up the vine it ſelf: but let her ſo flouriſh under the beams of thy favour and providence, that it may take root, and ſpread, and fill all lands; that the name of the man of thy right hand, the God and Man Chriſt Jeſus, may be glorified, thy Church enlarged and defended, and we bleſſed with thy health and ſalvation. Grant this, O Lord, for Jeſus Chriſt his ſake our only ſaviour and Redeemer. Amen.

P S A L M LXXXI.

A Feſtival ſong, and a Prayer for the Grace and bleſſings of obedience to God's Laws.

Sing we merrily unto God our ſtrength: make a cheerful noiſe unto the God of Jacob.

2 Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and upon our ſolemn feaſt day.

4 For this was made a ſtatute for Iſrael, and a law of the God of Jacob.

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5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he came out of the land of Egypt, and had heard a strange language.

6 I eased his shoulder from the burden: and his hands were delivered from making the pots.

7 Thou calledst upon me in troubles, and I delivered thee: and heard thee what time as the storm fell upon thee.

8 I proved thee also at the waters of strife.

9 Hear, O my people, and I will assure thee: O Israel, thou wilt hearken unto me.

10 There shall no strange God be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any other God.

11 I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and thou shalt fill it.

12 But my people would not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.

13 So I gave them up unto their own hearts lust, and let them follow their own imaginations.

14 O that my people would have hearkened unto me: for if Israel had walked in my ways,

15 I should soon have put down their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

16 The haters of the Lord should have been found out: but their time should have endured for ever.

17 He should have fed them also with the finest wheat flour: and with hony out of the stony rock, should I have satisfied thee.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God our strength, whose mercies are infinite, whose Majesty is glorious, whose goodness is amiable above all the excellencies in the world; enlarge our hearts with joy and rejoicings in thy glories, open our mouths wide, and fill our lips with thy praises,

praises, that upon the solemn feast-days we may commemorate thy excellencies and mercies, and the great mysteries of our Redemption and Religion, adoring thee with thanks and joyfulness, who art mysterious in thy words, and marvellous and merciful in all thy works. And that we may in the best manner express our thankfulness to thee, give us thy grace that we may hear thy voice, that we may obey thee and walk in thy Laws, that we follow not our own imaginations, nor be given to our own hearts lusts, but that we resigning our selves only to thy holy will and pleasure, thou mayest hear our prayers whenever any storm of trouble falls upon us, and turn thine hand against our adversaries; and that we being delivered from the burden of our sins, may be fed with the choicest of thy viands, and with food from the rock Christ Jesus, even his most precious body and blood, nourishing us up to life eternal, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXXXII.

*A Prayer for Princes and Judges of the world,
that they may do right judgment.*

GOD standeth in the congregation of Princes : he
is a judge among gods.

2 How long will ye give wrong judgment, and
accept the persons of the ungodly ?

3 Defend the poor and fatherless : see that such as be
in need and necessity have right.

4 Deliver the outcast and poor : save them from the
hand of the ungodly.

5 They will not be learned, nor understand, but walk
on still in darknes : all the foundations of the earth be
out of course.

6 I have said, Ye are Gods, and ye all are children of
the most Highest.

7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the
Princes.

8 Arise, O God, and judge thou the earth : for thou
shalt take all the heathen to thine inheritance.

The PRAYER.

O Almighty Judge of Men and Angels,
thou God of gods, and Prince of Prin-
ces, let thy Spirit of anointing rest upon the
Princes and Rulers within the pale of the Uni-
versal Church ; and let thy righteousness and
judgments guide all those that sit in the seat of
the Judges, that they may minister justice and
true judgment unto the people, defending and
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promoting the interest of true Religion, relieving the oppressed, encouraging vertue, and dishonouring vicious persons, delivering the poor, and saving them from the hand of the ungodly: that men may not walk on still in darkness, but their evil deeds may be discovered and brought to light; that we may all live before thee in righteousness, expecting the great day of righteous judgment, which we beg we may all behold with confidence, receiving thy mercies, and beholding thy face in glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

PSALM LXXXIII.

A Prayer against the enemies of the Church, particularly sacrilegious persons.

Hold not thy tongue, O God, keep not still silence: refrain not thy self, O God.

2 For lo, thine enemies make a murmuring, and they that hate thee have lift up their head.

3 They have imagined craftily against thy people, and taken counsel against thy secret ones.

4 They have said, Come and let us root them out, that they be no more a people: and that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have cast their heads together with one consent, and are confederate against thee.

6 The tabernacles of the Edomites and the Ismaelites, the Moabites and Hagarenes.

7 Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, the Philistines with them that dwell at Tyre.

8 Assur also is joined unto them, and they have holpen the children of Lot.

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9 But do thou unto them as to the Madianites ; unto Sifera and unto Jabin at the brook of Kison.

10 Which perished at Endor, and became as the dung of the earth.

11 Make them and their Princes like Oreb and Zeeb : yea, make all their Princes like Zeba and Salmana.

12 Which say, Let us take to our selves the houses of God in possession.

13 O my God, make them like unto a wheel, and as the stubble before the wind.

14 Like as the fire that burneth up the wood, and as the flame that consumeth the mountains.

15 Persecute them even so with thy tempest : and make them afraid with thy storm.

16 Make their faces ashamed, O Lord, that they may seek thy name.

17 Let them be confounded and vexed ever more and more : let them be put to shame and perish.

18 And they shall know that thou (whose name is Jehovah) art only the most Highest over all the earth.

The PRAYER :

O Lord God, who wert known to thy people Israel by thy name Jehovah, thou art only the Highest over all the earth ; arise and defend thy people, and deliver thy secret ones from the murmurings, counsels, and crafty imaginations of thine enemies against them, Fix the foundations of the Church upon a rock, and preserve thine inheritance in peace and safety. Infatuate the counsels, restrain the sacrilegious appetites of all such persons who would rob all thy houses, and take them to their own possession ; and make their faces to ashamed, and their hearts afraid, that they may

may return from covetousness and impiety: and seek thy Name, repenting of all their sins, and living in justice and religion, that at last they may come into an everlasting possession of thy House and of thy Temple, where thine Honour dwelleth and reigneth eternally world without end. *Amen.*

P S A L M LXXXIV.

A Prayer of desire and longings after the joys of Heaven.

O How amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of Hosts!

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be alway praising thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee, in whose heart are thy ways.

6 Which going through the vale of misery, use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.

7 They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God, our defender, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12 For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship ; and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

13 O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God of hosts, who dwellest in the Heavens, seated in essential and eternal felicities ; fill our hearts with desires and longings to enter into those Courts where thou sittest, attended with the beauteous orders of Angels, and millions of beautified Spirits : and that our desires may receive infinite satisfactions, give us thy help, that we going through the vale of misery, the pools may be filled with water, our hearts and eyes may run over with tears of repentance, and overflow with sorrow and contrition for our sins ; that we living a godly life, going from strength to strength, from vertue to vertue, at last we may appear in Sion unto the God of gods, beholding the face of thine Anointed, thy Christ and our Jesus, and may dwell one day in thy Courts, even all the long day of eternity, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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PSALM LXXXV.

A Thanksgiving for God's free mercy in the pardon of our sins, and a Prayer for the continuance and increase of his mercies to us.

Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, and covered all their sins.

3 Thou hast taken away a'l thy displeasure, and turned thy self from thy wrathful indignation.

4 Turn us then, O God our Saviour, and let thine anger cease from us.

5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

6 Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, that thy people may rejoyce in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me: for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints, that they turn not again.

9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth: and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea the Lord shall shew loving kindness: and our land shall give her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him: and he shall direct his going in the way.

The PRAYER.

O Most gracious God, who art reconciled unto us in our Saviour Jesus, having for his sake forgiven the offences of thy people, and covered all their sins with the robe of his most immaculate sanctity and righteousness; let thy grace convert and quicken us, that we may rejoice in thee and thy salvation, in faith of thy promises, in the hope of actual communication of thy mercies to us, and in love to thee for so great blessings and redemption: and when thou hast spoken peace unto our souls, and reconciled us to thy self in the blood of thy Son, give us the grace of perseverance, that we may never turn again to folly, but may follow mercy and truth all our days, and at last be satisfied with thy righteousness and peace eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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PSALM LXXXVI.

A Prayer for sanctity and preservation.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me, for I am poor and in misery.

2 Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy : my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord : for I will call daily upon thee.

4 Comfort the soul of thy servant : for unto thee (O Lord) do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer : and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee : for thou hearest me.

8 Among the gods there is none like unto thee (O Lord) there is not one that can do as thou doest.

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord, and shall glorifie thy name.

10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things : thou art God alone.

11 Teach me thy way (O Lord) and I will walk in thy truth : O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.

12 I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart : and will praise thy name for evermore.

13 For great is thy mercy toward me, and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

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14 O God, the proud are risen against me : and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.

15 But thou (O Lord God) art full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

16 O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me : give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.

17 Shew some good token upon me for good, that they which hate me, may see it, and be ashamed : because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, Good and Gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee, give ear unto our prayers, and ponder the voice of our desires whenever we call upon thee in our trouble. Let the souls of thy servants be refreshed with thy comforts, and defend us from the congregations of proud and naughty men. Turn thee unto us with mercy, give thy strength unto us, teach us thy laws, make us to walk in thy truth, give us the fear of thy Name, and knit our hearts unto thee with the indissoluble bands of charity and obedience ; that our souls being saved from the nethermost hell, we may worship thee, O Lord, and glorifie thy name, who art full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and plenteous in goodness and truth, which thou hast manifested to us in our deliverance and redemption, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM

P S A L M LXXXVII.

*A Contemplation of the excellencies of Sion, or
the celestial Jerusalem.*

HEr foundations are upon the holy hills : the Lord loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

2 Very excellent things are spoken of thee, thou city of God.

3 I will think upon Rahab and Babylon, with them that know thee.

4 Behold ye the Philistines also, and they of Tyre, with the Morians : lo there was he born.

5 And of Sion it shall be reported, that he was born in her : and the most High shall establish her.

6 The Lord shall rehearse it, when he writeth up the people, that he was born there.

7 The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse all my fresh springs shall be in thee.

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O Lord God, who dwellest in Sion, and delightest to have thy habitation in the hearts of men : thou hast built the Church as a City upon a hill, and laid the foundation of it upon the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief Corner-stone : make us to be a spiritual building fit for thy habitation, and a residence for thy holy Spirit, grounding us in faith, building us up in hope, and perfecting us in charity ; that we being joined in the communion of Saints, in the union of the holy Catholick Church militant

on earth, may all partake of the blessings of thy Church triumphant in the City of thee our God, in the celestial Jerusalem, where thou livest and reignest ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM LXXXVIII.

A Prayer in time of sickness and danger of Death.

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee: O let my prayer enter into thy presence, incline thine ear unto my calling.

2 For my soul is full of trouble, and my life draweth nigh unto hell.

3 I am counted as one of them that go down into the pit: and I have been even as a man that hath no strength.

4 Free among the dead, like unto them that be wounded and lie in the grave, which be out of remembrance, and are cut away from thy hand.

5 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in a place of darkness and in the deep.

6 Thine indignation lieth hard upon me: and thou hast vexed me with all thy storms.

7 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me, and made me to be abhorred of them.

8 I am so fast in prison, that I cannot get forth.

9 My sight faileth for very trouble: Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

10 Doeſt thou ſhew wonders among the dead? or ſhall the dead riſe up again and praiſe thee?

11 Shall thy loving kindneſs be ſhewed in the grave, or thy faithfulneſs in deſtruction?

12 Shall thy wondrous works be known in the dark, and thy righteouſneſs in the land where all things are forgotten?

13 Unto thee have I cried, O Lord: and early ſhall my prayer come before thee.

14 Lord, why abhorrest thou my soul, and hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I am in misery, and like unto him that is at the point to die: (even from my youth up) thy terrors have I suffered with a troubled mind.

16 Thy wrathful displeasure goeth over me: and the fear of thee hath undone me.

17 They came round about me daily like water, and compassed me together on every side.

18 My lovers and friends hast thou put away from me, and hid mine acquaintance out of my sight.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God of our salvation, who for our sakes wert wounded, and didst die and lie in the grave, but yet alone of all that ever died wert free among the dead, and by thine own power didst rise again with victory and triumph; have mercy upon thy servant, for thine indignation lieth hard upon me, and thou hast vexed me with all thy storms. My soul is full of trouble by reason of my sins, and my life draweth nigh unto the grave: restore me unto thy favour, and let me not go down into the dark, nor my life into the place where all things are forgotten; but let me shew forth thy loving kindness amongst thy redeemed ones in the land of the living: for the living, the living, he shall praise thee, and confess the holiness and the mercies of thy holy Name. O hide not thou thy face from me but give me health of body, and restore and preserve me in the life of righteousness; and so bleſs me with opportunities of doing thy service

service, that I may redeem the time past, and by thy grace may grow rich in good works, always abounding in the work of the Lord; that when thou shalt demand my soul to be rendred up into thy hands, my soul may not be abhorred of thee, nor suffer thy terrors, but may feel an eternity of blessings in the resurrection of the just, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM LXXXIX.

A Prayer for the King in time of Wars or any publick Calamity.

MY song shall be alway of the loving kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever: thy truth shalt thou establish in the heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen: I have sworn unto David my servant.

4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and set up thy throne from one generation to another.

5 O Lord, the very Heavens shall praise thy wondrous works: and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

6 For who is he among the clouds that shall be compared unto the Lord?

7 And what is he among the gods that shall be like unto the Lord?

8 God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the Saints: and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.

9 O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee? thy truth (most mighty Lord) is on every side.

10 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.

11 Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it: thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.

12 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.

13 Thou hast made the North and the South: Taber and Hermon shall rejoyce in thy name.

14 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

15 Righteousness and equity is the habitation of thy seat: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

16 Blessed is the people (O Lord) that can rejoyce in thee: they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.

17 Their delight shall be daily in thy Name: and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.

18 For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy loving kindness thou shalt lift up our horns.

19 For the Lord is our defence: the Holy one of Israel is our King.

20 Thou spakest sometimes in vision unto thy Saints, and saidst, I have laid help on one that is mighty: I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

21 I have found David my servant: with my holy oyl have I anointed him.

22 My hand shall hold him fast, and my arm shall strengthen him.

23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence: the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

24 I shall smite down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.

25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

26 I will set his dominion also in the sea, and his right hand in the floods.

27 He shall call me, Thou art my Father, my God, and my strong salvation.

28 And I will make him my first-born : higher than the Kings of the earth.

29 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore : and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

30 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

31 But if his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments ;

32 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments : I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with scourges.

33 Nevertheless, my loving kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my truth to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips : I have sworn once by my holiness that I will not fail David.

35 His seed shall endure for ever : and his seed is like as the sun before me.

36 He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon, and as the faithful witness in heaven.

37 But thou hast abhorred and forsaken thine anointed, and art displeased at him.

38 Thou hast broken the covenant of thy servant, and cast his crown to the ground.

39 Thou hast overthrown all his hedges, and broken down his strong hold.

40 All they that go by spoil him : and he is become a rebuke to his neighbours.

41 Thou hast set up the right hand of his enemies, and made all his adversaries to rejoice.

42 Thou hast taken away the edge of the sword : and givest him not victory in the battel.

43 Thou hast put out his glory, and cast his throne down to the ground.

44 The days of his youth hast thou shortened, and covered him with dishonour.

45 Lord how long wilt thou hide thy self, for ever ? shall thy wrath burn like fire ?

46 O remember how short my time is : wherefore hast thou made all men for nought ?

47 What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? and shall he deliver his soul from the hand of hell?

48 Lord, where are thy old loving kindneses, which thou swarest to David in thy truth?

49 Remember (Lord) the rebuke that thy servants have: and how I do bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people.

50 Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee, and slandered the footsteps of thine anointed. Praised be the Lord for evermore. Amen, Amen.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God of hosts, thou art greatly to be feared in the council of the Saints, and to be had in reverence of all the World. Let thy strong hand and thy mighty arm bless and preserve thine anointed the King: as thou hast exalted thy chosen from among the people, so let the greatness of thy blessings and assistance distinguish him from all the world: make his Throne as the days of Heaven, smite down his enemies before his face, let thy hand hold him fast, that the enemy may not be able to do him violence, and let thine arm strengthen him, that the sons of wickedness may not hurt him. O do thou never put his glory out, nor cover him with dishonour, but give him victory in battels, honour and rejoicing in time of peace, confidence in thee, reverence amongst his people, and continual defence in thy salvation; that when thou hast finished his days in peace and honour, his seed may be established in his throne, and indure for ever like as the sun before thee. Grant this, O King

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King of kings, for his sake to whom thou hast given all power and dominion in Heaven and Earth, even our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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PSALM XC.

A Meditation of Death, and a prayer preparatory to it.

Lord thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come again ye children of men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep, and fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and groweth up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

7 For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

8 Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, and our secret sins in the sight of thy countenance.

9 For when thou art angry, all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

10 The days of our age are threescore years and ten: and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

11 But who regardeth the power of thy wrath? for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.

12 O teach us to number our days: that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

13 Turn thee again (O Lord) at the last, and be gracious unto thy servants.

14 O satisfie us with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall we rejoyce and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us, and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

16 Shew thy servants thy work, and their children thy glory.

17 And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handy-work.

The PRAYER.

O Eternal God, whose being was before the Mountains were brought forth, before the Earth and the World were made, even from everlasting and world without end, have mercy upon us weak and impotent people, the children of men, who fade away suddenly like the grass; remove our misdeeds from before thee, and our secret sins from the sight of thy countenance: be not angry with us, neither consume us in thy displeasure: teach us to number all the days of our life, and to reckon on still to the day of death; that when our days are gone, and our years are brought to an end, like a tale that is told, thou mayest turn unto us at the last, and be gracious unto us in the pardon of our sins, in restraining the power and malice of all our
ghostly

ghostly enemies, in giving us opportunity of all spiritual assistances and advantages; that our Lamps being trimmed and burning bright with charity and devotion, we may enter into the Bride-chamber; there for ever to behold the glorious majesty of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PSALM XCI.

A Prayer for protection in all dangers.

WHoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my strong hold, my God : in him will I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter, and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers : his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid of any terroure by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the ungodly.

9 For thou, Lord, art my hope : thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

10 There shall no evil happen unto thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee in their hands, that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt goupon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore shall I deliver him : I shall set him up, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me and I will hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble ; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfie him and shew him my salvation.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, our hope and our strong hold, have mercy upon us, and defend us under the shadow of thy wings, that we trusting under thy defence, may by thy faithfulness and truth be covered as with a shield and buckler. Give thy Angels charge concerning us and our habitations, that we may be preserved and kept in all our ways, that no evil happen unto us, no plague come nigh our dwelling, no terrours of the night, no arrows of thy vengeance by day may disturb our peace or safety. Let thy ministring Spirits bear us in their hands, and keep us from precipice, from fracture of bones, from dislocations, noisome or sharp diseases, stupidities and deformities, that we may tread under our feet all the snares of the roaring lion and the great dragon the Devil, who seek our bodily and ghostly hurt. Do thou set thy love upon us, and deliver us from all our troubles; and at the end of our days shew us thy salvation, and satisfie us with long life, even of a blessed eternity

eternity in thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM XCII.

*A Meditation of the great works of God in the
destruction of the wicked, and the preservation
of the godly.*

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and
to sing praises unto thy name, O most Highest;

2 To tell of thy loving kindness early in the morning,
and of thy truth in the night season;

3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the
lute, upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

4 For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy
works: and I will rejoice in giving praise for the opera-
tion of thy hand.

5 O Lord, how glorious are thy works! and thy
thoughts are very deep.

6 An unwise man doth not well consider this: and a
fool doth not understand it.

7 When the ungodly are green as the grass, and when
all the workers of wickedness do flourish, then shall they
be destroyed for ever: but thou, Lord, art the most
Highest for evermore.

8 For lo, thine enemies (O Lord) lo, thine enemies
shall perish: and all the workers of wickedness shall be
destroyed.

9 But mine horn shall be exalted like the horn of an
unicorn: for I am anointed with fresh oyl.

10 Mine eye also shall see his lust of mine enemies:
and mine ear shall hear his desire of the wicked that rise
up against me.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree: and
shall spread abroad like a Cedar in Libanus.

12 Such as be planted in the house of the Lord, shall
flourish in the courts of the House of our God.

13 They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age, and shall be fat and well liking.

14 That they may shew how true the Lord my strength is, and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, thou art the most Highest for evermore; thy works are glorious and thy thoughts are very deep: make our hearts and tongues loud instruments of thy praises, that we may tell of thy mercy in the morning, of thy truth in the night, and that we may rejoice in giving thee thanks for the operations of thy hands all the days and nights of our life. Let thy merciful kindness descend evermore upon the righteous, that they may flourish like a palm-tree, being continually watered with the dew of temporal and spiritual blessings, and may bring forth fruits of a holy conversation. And grant that we thy servants being planted in the house of God, and firmly fixed in the blessed communion of Saints, may flourish in the courts of thy house, thy celestial Temple to all eternity. O let not our portion be amongst the ungodly and unrighteous: make us not to communicate in their wickedness, so much as by consent or approbation, that we may never perish and be destroyed in the furiousness of thine anger which thou treasurest up against the day of vengeance and righteous judgment, even the day of the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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Evening Prayer.

PSALM XCIII.

A Prayer that God would preserve his Church against the storms and floods of persecution.

THe Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel : the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

2 He hath made the round world so sure, that it cannot be moved.

3 Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared : thou art from everlasting.

4 The floods are risen (O Lord) the floods have lift up their voices ; the floods lift up their waves.

5 The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly : but the Lord that dwelleth on high is mightier.

6 Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure : holiness becometh thine house for ever.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our King, who art girded with strength, and hast prepared thy seat from everlasting, establish thy testimonies in our hearts as a sure foundation of temporal and eternal happiness. Preserve thy house, the holy Catholick Church, in peace and holiness, which is its defence and ornament : and although the floods of persecution and secular disadvantages have lift up their waves to overthrow it ; yet because it is built upon a rock, the Rock Christ Jesus, make it to stand firm and

and sure against all the malice of hell and earth, and all the powers of them both ; for thou, O Lord, art mightier than all the waves and storms of her enemies. To thee, O Lord, who dwellest on high, and art mightier, be all honour and glory now and for ever. *Amen.*

PSALM XCIV.

A Prayer for patience, comfort, and assistance to the godly, and that God would disappoint the designs of the wicked.

O Lord God to whom vengeance belongeth, thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thy self.

2 Arise thou Judge of the world, and reward the proud after their deserving.

3 Lord, how long shall the ungodly, how long shall the ungodly triumph?

4 How long shall wicked doers speak so disdainfully, and make such proud boasting?

5 They smite down thy people, O Lord, and trouble thine heritage.

6 They murder the widow and the stranger, and put the fatherless to death.

7 And yet they say, Tush, the Lord shall not see : neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.

8 Take heed, ye unwise among the people : O ye fools, when will ye understand?

9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? or he that made the eye, shall he not see?

10 Or he that nutureth the heathen, it is he that teacheth man knowledge ; shall not he punish?

11 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are but vain.

12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest (O Lord) and teachest him in thy law.

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13 That thou mayest give him patience in time of adversity, until the pit be digged up for the ungodly.

14 For the Lord will not fail his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance ;

15 Until righteousness turn again unto judgment : all such as be true of heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up with me against the wicked ? or who will take my part against the evil-doers ?

17 If the Lord had not helped me, it had not failed, but my soul had been put to silence.

18 But when I said, My foot hath slipped, thy mercy (O Lord) helped me up.

19 In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart, thy comforts have refreshed my soul.

20 Wilt thou have any thing to do with the stool of wickedness, which imagineth mischief as a law ?

21 They gather them together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.

22 But the Lord is my refuge : and my God is the strength of my confidence.

23 He shall recompence them their wickedness, and destroy them in their own malice : yea, the Lord our God shall destroy them.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, Judge of the world, to whom vengeance belongeth and the execution of righteous judgments ; have mercy upon us, chasten us with thy gentleness and fatherly correction when we sin against thee, teach us thy law, be our refuge and our confidence in our troubles, and give us patience in times of adversity ; that in the multitude of sorrows thy comforts may refresh us, thy mercies may relieve us, thy grace may pardon and confirm us, that our feet slip not, and our souls be not
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put to silence. Have pity upon all distressed and miserable people: do justice upon all that murder the widow, that put the fatherless to death, that grind the face of the poor. Fail not thy people, O Lord, and forsake not thine inheritance; but destroy the devices of all them that imagine mischief as a law, and are confederate against the righteous, to condemn the innocent, to discountenance Religion, to disadvantage thy worship and service: that in the day of eternal vengeance, when thou shalt reward the proud after their deserving, and the pit be digged for the ungodly, we may have the lot of thine inheritance, and reign in the fellowship of Saints, who give honour and praise to thee, O Lord God Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM XCV.

A Hymn invitatory to the worship of God, and a Prayer for obedience to his will.

O Come let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and shew our selves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

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4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is (the Lord) our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hands.

8 To day if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts; as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me and saw my works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their hearts: for they have not known my ways.

11 Unto whom I sware in my wrath, that they should not enter into my rest.

The PRAYER.

O Great God, the Lord our Maker, who art a King above all gods, give us the graces of Humility and holy Religion, that we may worthily praise and worship thy glories and perfections infinite. We are the people of thy pasture; let thy Mercies lead us, and feed and refresh our souls with the divine nutriment of thy Word and Sacraments. We are the sheep of thy hands; do thou guide us that we may never go astray: or if we do, bring us home into the sheepfold of our Great Shepherd, that we hearing his voice, may not harden our hearts, neither tempting thy mercies, nor provoking thy wrath; that our hearts being preserved from error, and our ways

ways from obliquity and crookedness, we may at last enter into thy eternal rest, through the merits and guidance of our Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

PSALM XCVI.

A Hymn of adoration, and magnifying the glories of God.

O Sing unto the Lord a new song : sing unto the Lord of all the whole Earth.

2 Sing unto the Lord, and praise his name : be telling of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his honour unto the Heathen, and his wonders unto all people.

4 For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised : he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the Heathen, they be but idols : but it is the Lord that made the Heavens.

6 Glory and worship are before him : power and honour are in his sanctuary.

7 Ascribe unto the Lord (O ye kindreds of the people,) ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his name : bring presents, and come into his courts.

9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness : let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

10 Tell it out among the Heathen, that the Lord is King, and that it is he which hath made the round world so fast, that it cannot be moved ; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.

11 Let the Heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad : let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.

12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it : then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

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The PRAYER.

O Lord God, in whose sanctuary is power and honour, before whose presence is glory and worship, fill our lips and souls with great devotion and reverence towards thee our God ; Make us to love thy goodness, to adore thy omnipotency, to reverence thy Justice, to fear thy Majesty, to admire and tremble at thy omniscience and omnipresence, and to contemplate with the greatest zeal and affections all those glories which thou communicatest to the sons of men, in the revelations of thy Gospel, of thy Creatures, and of thy Miracles ; that we may tell of thy greatness, and declare thy salvation from day to day ; and when thou comest with righteousness to judge the Earth, and all people with thy truth, we may rejoice in thee everlastingly, and sing an eternal Allelujah to thee in thy sanctuary. Grant this for Jesus Christ his sake our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

PSALM XCVII.

A Meditation upon the day of Judgment, and a Prayer for mercy and salvation.

THE Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof :
yea, the multitude of the Isles may be glad thereof.
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him : righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his seat.
3 There shall go out a fire before him, and burn up his enemies on every side.

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4 His lightnings gave light unto the world : the earth saw it and was afraid.

5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord : at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens have declared his righteousness, and all the people have seen his glory.

7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images and that delight in vain gods : worship him all ye gods.

8 Zion heard of it and rejoiced : and the daughters of Judah were glad because of thy judgments, O Lord.

9 For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth : thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing that is evil : the Lord preserveth the souls of his Saints, he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous, and joyful gladness for such as be true hearted.

12 Rejoice in the Lord ye righteous, and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our King, Lord of the whole earth; have mercy upon us, and sanctifie us with thy grace, that we may hate every thing that is evil, that we may love thee, give thanks unto thy name, and rejoice in remembrance of thy holiness; that in the day of Judgment and great Terroures, when thou shalt sit in thy seat supported with righteousness and judgment, and a fire shall go forth from thy presence, to burn up thy enemies on every side, thou mayest preserve our souls in safety from the hand of our enemies, and a light may spring up unto us to preserve us from eternal darkness and the want of the light of thy countenance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Evening Prayer.

PSALM XCVIII.

*A Thanksgiving for the Redemption of mankind
by Jesus Christ.*

O Sing unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.

2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm hath he gotten himself the victory.

3 The Lord declared his salvation : his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the Heathen.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel : and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5 Shew your selves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6 Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

7 With trumpets also and shawms : O shew your selves joyful before the Lord the King.

8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is : the round world, and they that dwell therein.

9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord : for he is come to judge the earth.

10 With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

The PRAYER.

O Most glorious and powerful Jesu, who with thine own right hand and with thy holy arm hast gotten to thy self on our behalf the victory over sin, hell, and the grave ; remember

member this thy mercy and truth which thou hast promised to all that believe on thee: give us pardon of our sins sealed unto us by the testimony of thy holy Spirit and of a good conscience: and grant that we by thy strength may fight against our ghostly enemies, and by thy power may overcome them, that we may rejoice in a holy peace, and sing and give thee thanks for our victory and our crown. Extend this mercy and enlarge the effect of thy great victories to the Heathen, that all the ends of the world may sing a new song unto thee, and see the salvation of God: that when thou comest to judge the Earth, we may all find mercy, and be joyful together before thee in the festivity of a blessed eternity, through thy mercies, O blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesu. *Amen.*

PSALM XCIX.

A Prayer for the vertue of Religion and Devotion in holy places.

THE Lord is King, be the people never so impatient: he sitteth between the Cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.

2 The Lord is great in Sion, and high above all people.

3 They shall give thanks unto thy Name; which is great, wonderful, and holy.

4 The King's power loveth judgment, thou hast prepared equity: thou hast executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 O magnifie the Lord our God, and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

6 Moses

6 Moses and Aaron among his Priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name : these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.

7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar : for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

8 Thou heardest them (O Lord our God :) thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.

9 O Magnific the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill : for the Lord our God is holy.

The PRAYER.

O Great God, the King of Heaven and Earth, thou that sittest between the Cherubims unmoved in the centre of thine own felicity and essential tranquility, undisturbed in the great concussions and unquietness of the earth; give unto us thy servants venerable and dreadful apprehensions of the sanctity and perfections of thy Name and Nature, which is great, wonderful, and holy. Teach us in all addresses of our devotion, and in all places appointed for thy service, by all reverence and holiness of soul and body to express the greatness of thy power and our weakness, the majesty of thy glory, and the unworthiness of our persons, the distance of God and Man, of finite and infinite, of Lord and Servant; that the awfulness of thy dread Majesty may check every unreverent gesture and thought in us, and teach us to make approaches of humility and fear, that we calling upon thy Name according to our duties, and by the fear of thee being taught to keep thy testimonies, and never

ver to forget the law thou givest us, we may be delivered from thy wrath and punishment, and at last praise thee upon thy holy Hill in thine everlasting habitation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM C.

A Psalm of praise to God for his mercy and truth.

O Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we our selves : we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our God, who hast created us out of nothing, and hast redeemed us from misery and death when we were thine enemies, shewing great expresses of thy loving kindness when we were vessels of wrath and inheritors of perdition, revealing thy truth unto us in the Sermons of the Gospel ; teach us to walk as thou hast commanded us, to believe as thou hast taught us, that we may inherit what thou hast promised us ; for thou art the way, the truth and the life. We are thy people and the sheep of thy pasture, thou art our guide and

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our defence : let thy grace teach us to serve thee, and thy Holy Spirit assist and promote our endeavours with the blessings of gladness and chearfulness of spirit, that we may love to speak good of thy Name, and at last may go into the Courts of thy Temple with praise and a song in our mouths, to thy honour and eternal glory, whose mercy and truth is everlasting, and revealed unto the Church in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PSALM CI.

A Prayer for a holy life.

MY song shall be of mercy and judgment : unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

2 Let me have understanding in the way of godliness.

3 When wilt thou come unto me ? I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.

4 I will take no wicked thing in hand, I hate the sins of unfaithfulness : there shall no such cleave unto me.

5 A froward heart shall depart from me : I will not know a wicked person.

6 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I destroy.

7 Whoso hath also a proud look and high stomach, I will not suffer him.

8 Mine eyes look unto such as be faithful in the land ; that they may dwell with me.

9 Whoso leadeth a godly life, he shall be my servant.

10 There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house : he that telleth lyes shall not tarry in my sight.

11 I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land : that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God of eternal purity, who art of pure eyes, and canst behold no unrighteousness or impurity, enlighten our understandings, that we may have knowledge in the way of godliness; make our paths streight and our hearts perfect; take from us the sins of unfaithfulness, correct and mortifie in us all froward and peevish dispositions; let us love the society of the Saints, and hate the fellowship of the wicked, that we may not be destroyed with the ungodly, nor be rooted out with the ungodly, nor be rooted out from the City of the Lord, and banished from the sweetness of thy presence; for with thee is light, and health and salvation: to thy Name be all honour and glory and praise ascribed, world without end. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM CII.

A Prayer for comfort in sadness, anxiety of spirit, sickness, or any other affliction.

Hear my prayer, O Lord; and let my crying come unto thee.
 2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble; incline thine ears unto me when I call: O hear me, and that right soon.

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3 For my days are consumed away like smoak : and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand.

4 My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass : so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 For the voice of my groaning, my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness, and like an owl that is in the desert.

7 I have watched, and am even as it were a sparrow, that sitteth alone upon the house-top.

8 Mine enemies revile me all the day long : and they that are mad upon me, are sworn together against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes as it were bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 And that because of thine indignation and wrath : for thou hast taken me up, and cast me down.

11 My days are gone like a shadow : and I am withered like grass.

12 But thou (O Lord) shalt endure for ever : and thy remembrance throughout all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion : for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

14 And why ? thy servants think upon her stones : and pitieth them to see her in the dust.

15 The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord, and all the Kings of the earth thy Majesty.

16 When the Lord shall build up Sion, and when his glory shall appear :

17 When he turneth him unto the prayer of the poor, and despiseth not their desire.

18 This shall be written for those that come after : and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

19 For he hath looked down from his sanctuary : out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth.

20 That he might hear the mournings of such as be in captivity, and deliver the children appointed unto death :

21 That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Jerusalem, and his worship at Jerusalem ;

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22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms also to serve the Lord.

23 He brought down my strength in my journey, and shortened my days.

24 But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age : as for thy years they endure throughout all generations.

25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth : and the heavens are the works of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure : they all shall wax old as doth a garment.

27 And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed : but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue : and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

The PRAYER.

O Eternal God who endurest for ever, and thy remembrance throughout all generations, have pity upon us according to the infinite treasures of thy loving kindness ; hear the voice of our groaning, for thy indignation and thy wrath lieth hard upon us, and our sins have put an edge upon thy sword, and a thorn into our wounded consciences. O build up the ruines of our souls, repair the breaches of our comforts and our hopes, and let thy glory now appear, for that shines brightest in the beams of thy mercy, and when thou turnest unto the prayer of poor wretched destitutes, it becomes an eternal monument and a record of thy honour, and all generations which shall be born shall praise thee.

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Look down, O Lord, from thy sanctuary; hear the mournings of us and of all distressed people; send us health and life so long as it may be a blessing; and do not shorten our days in wrath: but give us grace so to spend all our time in the works of repentance and holiness, that when our years fail, and our change is come, we may be translated to the new Heavens which shall never perish nor wax old, there to continue and stand fast in thy sight for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PSALM CIII.

*A Thanksgiving to God for all his benefits
and mercies.*

PRaise the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, praise his holy name.

2 Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits.

3 Which forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thy infirmities.

4 Which saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness;

5 Which satisfieth thy mouth with good things; making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

7 He shewed his ways unto Moses: his works unto the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering and of great goodness.

9 He will not alway be chiding: neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

12 Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.

13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children ; even so is the Lord merciful to them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth whereof we be made : he remembereth that we are but dust.

15 The days of man are but as grass : for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him, and his righteousness upon childrens children.

18 Even upon such as keep his covenant, and think upon his commandments to do them.

19 The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven : and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 O praise the Lord, ye Angels of his, ye that excel in strength ; ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

21 O praise the Lord all ye his hosts : ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

22 O speak good of the Lord all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

The PRAYER.

O Most merciful God, whose mercy is as high as the heavens, as great and many as the moments of eternity ; thou hast opened thy hand wide to fill us with blessings, and the sweet effects of thy loving kindness ; thou art pitiful as a Father, tender as a Mother, careful as a Guardian, and exceeding merciful to all them that fear thee : we pray thee to
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fill our souls with great apprehensions and impresses of thy unspeakable mercies, that our thankfulness may be as great as our needs of mercy are; and let thy merciful loving kindness endure for ever and ever upon us all. Keep no anger in store for us, chide us not in thy displeasure, satisfy our mouths with good things, remove all our sins from us as far as the East is from the West, heal all our infirmities, and save our lives from destruction; for these are mercies thou delightest in: and because we cannot praise thee according to thy excellencies, take our souls in thy due time into the land of everlasting praises, that we may spend a whole eternity in ascribing to thy name praise, and honour, and dominion. Grant this for Jesus Christ his sake our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CIV.

*A Contemplation of the wisdom and goodness of
God manifested in his creatures.*

Praise the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious, thou art clothed with Majesty and Honour.

2 Thou deckest thy self with light as it were with a garment, and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

3 Which layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters, and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

4 He maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flaming fire.

5 He laid the foundations of the earth, that it never should move at any time.

6 Thou coverest it with the deep, like as with a garment: the waters stand in the hills.

7 At thy rebuke they flee: at the voice of thy thunder they are afraid.

8 They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath: even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.

9 Thou hast set them their bounds, which they shall not pass, neither turn again to cover the earth.

10 He sendeth the springs into the rivers, which run among the hills.

11 All beasts of the field drink thereof: and the wild asses quench their thirst

12 Beside them shall the fowls of the air have their habitation, and sing among the branches.

13 He watereth the hills from above: the earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.

14 He bringeth forth grass for the cattel, and green herbs for the service of men.

15 That he may bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oyl to make him a chearful countenance, and bread to strengthen man's heart.

16 The trees of the Lord also are full of sap; even the Cedars of Libanus which he hath planted.

17 Wherein the birds make their nest: and the fir-trees are a dwelling for the stork.

18 The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats: and so are the stony rocks for the conies.

19 He appointed the moon for certain seasons: and the sun knoweth his going down.

20 Thou makest darkness that it may be night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do move.

21 The lions roaring after their prey, do seek their meat at God.

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22 The sun ariseth and they get them away together and lay them down in their dens.

23 Man goeth forth to his work and to his labour until evening.

24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works? in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is the great and wide sea also, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan, whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

27 These wait all upon thee, that thou mayst give them meat in due season.

28 When thou givest it them, they gather it: and when thou openest thy hand, thou art filled with good.

29 When thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: when thou takest away their breath, they dye, and are turned again to their dust.

30 When thou lettest thy breath go forth, they shall be made: and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

31 The glorious majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

32 The earth shall tremble at the look of him: if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke.

33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have my being.

34 And so shall my words please him: my joy shall be in the Lord.

35 As for sinners they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end. Praise thou the Lord, O my soul; praise the Lord.

The P R A Y E R.

O Lord God, who art exceeding glorious, who art cloathed with majesty and honour, thou hast created all things with admirable wisdom, established them with excellent order, and hast provided for them with

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mercy and singular providence: be pleased to give us grace that we may remember thou hast created us all for thy glory, that thou hast planted thine image on us, and hast crowned all our years with thy mercies and loving kindness: let us never disobey thy will, forget thy mercies, or deface thine image in us; but when all thy creatures praise thee in their manner, let not us, whom thou hast made in dignity next to Angels, disturb the blessed order of Creation by our sins and irregular disobedience. Open thy hand, O Lord, and fill us with good things both spiritual and temporal; that when thou takest away our breath that we die, and turn again to our dust, thou mayest not hide thy face away from us, but communicate to us the light of thy countenance and the glories of thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twenty-first Day.

Morning Prayer.

P S A L M CV.

*A Commemoration of God's care of his Church
and blessings to his people.*

O Give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done.

2 O let your songs be of him, and praise him: and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.

3 Rejoice

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3 Rejoice in his holy Name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength: seek his face evermore.

5 Remember the marvellous works that he hath done his wonders and the judgments of his mouth.

6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God: his judgments are in all the world.

8 He hath been alway mindful of his covenant and promise, that he made to a thousand generations.

9 Even the covenant that he made with Abraham, and the oath that he sware unto Isaac.

10 And appointed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting Testament.

11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;

12 When there were yet but a few of them, and they strangers in the land,

13 What time as they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people.

14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: but reprov'd even kings for their sakes.

15 Touch not mine anointed: and do my prophets no harm.

16 Moreover, he called for a dearth upon the land: and destroyed all the provision of bread.

17 But he had sent a man before them: even Joseph which was sold to be a bond-servant.

18 Whose feet they hurt in the stocks: the iron entered into his soul.

19 Until the time came that his cause was known: the Word of the Lord tried him.

20 The King sent and delivered him: the Prince of the people let him go free.

21 He made him Lord also of his house, and ruler of all his substance.

22 That he might inform his Princes after his will, and teach his Senators wisdom.

23 Israel

23 Israel also came into Egypt: and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham.

24 And he increased his people exceedingly, and made them stronger than their enemies.

25 Whose heart turned so, that they hated his people, and dealt untruly with his servants.

26 Then sent he Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen.

27 And these shewed his tokens among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

28 He sent darkness, and it was dark: and they were not obedient unto his Word.

29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.

30 Their land brought forth frogs: yea, even in their Kings chambers.

31 He spake the word, and there came all manner of flies, and lice in all their quarters.

32 He gave them hail-stones for rain, and flames of fire in their land.

33 He smote their vines also and fig-trees: and destroyed the trees that were in their coasts.

34 He spake the word, and the grasshoppers came, and caterpillars innumerable: and did eat up all the grass in their land; and devoured the fruit of their ground.

35 He smote all the first-born in their land; even the chief of all their strength.

36 He brought them forth also with silver and gold: there was not one feeble person among their Tribes.

37 Egypt was glad at their departing: for they were afraid of them.

38 He spread out a cloud to be a covering; and fire to give light in the night season.

39 At their desire he brought quails: and he filled them with the bread of heaven.

40 He opened the rock of stone, and the waters flowed out: so that the rivers ran in dry places.

41 For why? he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.

42 And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness.

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43 And gave them the lands of the heathen : and they took the labours of the people in possession.

44 That they might keep his statutes, and observe his laws.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, who art alway mindful of thy covenant and promise to a thousand generations, and didst deliver the seed of *Abraham*, the children of *Jacob* thy chosen, from the slavery of Egypt, from the waves of the Sea, from the rage of *Pharaoh*, from the thirst and famine of the wilderness, continue the like mercies to all Christian people ; deliver us from the bondage of our sins, preserve us in the Ark of the Church, that we perish not in the waves of this troublesome world ; save us from the fury of all our temporal and ghostly enemies, feed us from Heaven, and give us a competency of good things on earth, that we may keep thy Statutes and observe thy Laws, and at last receive the promises of a blessed eternity, which in the covenant of thy Gospel thou hast made unto all that believe in thee, and are obedient to thy Word. Grant this, O blessed Jesu, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all Honour and Glory world without end. *Amen.*

Evening

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PSALM CVI.

*A Commemoration of God's frequent pardons
and mercies to the penitent.*

O Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious:
and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Who can express the noble acts of the
Lord, or shew forth all his praise?

3 Blessed are they that alway keep judgment and do
righteousness.

4 Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour
that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy
salvation.

5 That I may see the felicity of thy chosen, and re-
joice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with
thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers: we have done
amiss, and dealt wickedly.

7 Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt,
neither kept they thy great goodness in remembrance:
but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red sea.

8 Nevertheless he helped them for his names sake:
that he might make his power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up:
so he led them through the deep as through a wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the adversaries hand: and
delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

11 As for those that troubled them, the waters over-
whelmed them: there was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words, and sang praise un-
to him.

13 But within a while they forgot his works, and
would not abide his counsel.

14 But

14 But lust came upon them in the wilderness: and they tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their desire: and sent leanness withal into their soul.

16 They angered Moses also in their tents, and Aaron the Saint of the Lord.

17 So the earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the congregation of Abiram.

18 And the fire was kindled in their company: the flame burnt up the ungodly.

19 They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image.

20 Thus they turned their glory into the similitude of a calf that eateth hay.

21 And they forgot God their Saviour, which had done so great things in Egypt.

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and fearful things by the red sea.

23 So he said, he would have destroyed them: had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the gap, to turn away his wrathful indignation, lest he should destroy them.

24 Yea, they thought scorn of that pleasant land; and gave no credence unto his word.

25 But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.

26 Then lift he up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness.

27 To cast out their seed among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves unto Baal-peor; and ate the offering of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger by their own inventions: and the plague was great among them.

30 Then stood up Phineas, and prayed: and so the plague ceased.

31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness among all posterities for evermore.

32 They angered him also at the waters of strife: so that he punished Moses for their sakes.

33 Because they provoked his spirit ; so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 Neither destroyed they the Heathen, as the Lord commanded them.

35 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works,

36 Inasmuch that they worshipped their idols, which turned to their own decay : yea, they offered their sons and daughters unto devils ;

37 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they offered unto the idols of Canaan ; and the land was defiled with blood.

38 Thus were they stained with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

39 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people : inasmuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

40 And he gave them over into the hands of the heathen : and they that hated them were Lords over them.

41 Their enemies oppressed them, and had them in subjection.

42 Many a time did he deliver them : but they rebelled against him with their own inventions, and were brought down in their wickedness.

43 Nevertheless, when he saw their adversity, he heard their complaint.

44 He thought upon his covenant, and pitied them according unto the multitude of his mercies : yea, he made all those that had led them away captive, to pity them.

45 Deliver us (O Lord our God) and gather us from among the heathen : that we may give thanks unto thy holy Name, and make our boast of thy praise.

46 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and world without end : and let all the people say, Amen.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, full of mercy and pity, who didst many times deliver thy people from their adversity, when thou for their rebelling against thee with their inventions hadst given them into the hands of the Heathen: Remember us, O Lord, according to the favour thou bearest unto thy people, and visit us with thy salvation; and though we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly against thee and against thy covenant, yet be pleased to help us for thy Name's sake, and make thy power to be known in the mighty deliverance and redemption of us from so great danger and misery. Give us grace to believe thy words, to abide thy counsels, to walk in thy laws, to relinquish our own sinful and vain desires, to obey our Governours Ecclesiastical and Civil; that we may not have the lot of *Dathan* and *Abiram*, but at last may receive our portion in the felicity of thy chosen, giving thee thanks with thine inheritance, for that thou hast turned from us thy wrathful indignation, pitying us, and saving us according to the multitude of thy mercies. Thy Name be blessed, O Lord God, everlastingly and world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

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*A Thanksgiving for deliverance from miseries
and danger.*

O Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious,
and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath
redeemed and delivered from the hand of the enemy.

3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the East,
and from the West, from the North, and from the South.

4 They went astray in the wilderness out of the way,
and found no city to dwell in.

5 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

6 So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble: and
he delivered them from their distress.

7 He led them forth by the right way: that they
might go to the city where they dwelt.

8 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his
goodness, and declare the wonders that he doth for the
children of men.

9 For he satisfieth the empty soul, and filleth the hun-
gry soul with goodness;

10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death
being fast bound in misery and iron.

11 Because they rebelled against the word of the Lord,
and lightly regarded the counsel of the most High:

12 He also brought down their heart through heavi-
ness: they fell down, and there was none to help them
up.

13 So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,
he delivered them out of their distress.

14 For

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14 For he brought them out of darkness and out of the shadow of death, and brake their bonds in sunder.

15 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders that he doth for the children of men.

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and smitten the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Foolish men are plagued for their offence, and because of their wickedness.

18 Their soul abhorred all manner of meat : and they were even hard at death's door.

19 So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, he delivered them out of their distress.

20 He sent his word, and healed them : and they were saved from their destruction.

21 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders that he doth for the children of men.

22. That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and tell out his works with gladness.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters.

24. These men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

25 For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep : their soul melteth away because of the trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits end.

28 So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, he delivereth them out of their distress.

29 For he maketh the storm to cease : so that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad, because they be at rest : and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

31 O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders that he doth for the children of men.

32 That

32 That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the seat of the elders;

33 Which turneth the floods into a wilderness, and drieth up the water-springs.

34 A fruitful land maketh he barren for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 Again he maketh the wilderness a standing water, and water-springs of a dry ground.

36 And there he setteth the hungry, that they may build them a city to dwell in.

37 That they may sow their land, and plant vineyards to yield them fruits of increase.

38 He blessed them, so that they multiply exceedingly: and suffereth not their cattel to decrease.

39 And again, when they are minished and brought low through oppression, through any plague or trouble;

40 Though he suffered them to be evil intreated through tyrants, and let them wander out of the way in the wilderness.

41 Yet helpeth he the poor out of misery, and maketh him households like a flock of sheep.

42 The righteous will consider this, and rejoyce: and the mouth of all wickedness shall be stopped.

43 Whoso is wise will ponder these things: and they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, gracious and good, whose mercy endureth for ever, have mercy upon us when in our trouble we cry unto thee; for when our hearts are brought down through heaviness, there is none to help us up, or to deliver us out of our distress, but only thou, O Lord. We have sinned, we have rebelled against thee, and lightly regarded thy counsels; we have walked and sat

in darkness and in the shadows of death, being fast bound in the captivity and misery of sin. O bring us out of darkness, and break our bonds asunder : guide us through the desert of this world, in which grows nothing but sadness and discontent : still the tempests and smooth the floods of misery which are ready to overwhelm us : and in thy due time bring us to thy eternal rest, and to the haven where we would fain be : that in the congregation of thy holy people we may praise thee for thy goodness, and declare the wonders thou hast done for us in delivering us from sin and misery and death, and bringing us to a city to dwell in, where there is life, and light, and joy eternal in the beholding the face of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CVIII.

A Prayer for victory against our Enemies.

O God, my heart is ready, (my heart is ready :) I will sing and give praise with the best member I have.

2 Awake thou lute and harp : I my self will awake right early.

3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people : I will sing praises unto thee among the Nations.

4 For thy mercy is greater than the heavens : and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

5 Set

5 Set up thy self (O God) above the heavens; and thy glory above all the earth.

6 That thy beloved may be delivered: let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine: Ephraim also is the strength of mine head.

9 Juda is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot: over Edom will I cast out my shooe, upon the Philistines will I triumph.

10 Who will lead me into the strong city? and who will bring me into Edom?

11 Hast not thou forsaken us, O God? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

12 O help us against the enemy: for vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do great acts: and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, whose mercy is greater than the Heavens, and thy glory is above all the earth, be thou exalted in thine own strength, and magnifie thy power and thy mercy in defending us and all thy holy Church against all our enemies temporal and spiritual. Forsake us not, O God our defence, for vain is the help of man: do thou strengthen us, and go forth with our hosts to battel, that we being defended and armed by thee, may do acts great and good, fighting thy battels, and putting our confidence in thy righteousness only and thy salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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PSALM CIX.

A Prayer against God's enemies, and especially Traitors, prophetically intended against the person of Judas.

Hold not thy tongue, O God of my praise : for the mouth of the ungodly, yea, and the mouth of the deceitful is opened upon me.

2 And they have spoken against me with false tongues : they compassed me about also with words of hatred, and sought against me without a cause.

3 For the love that I had unto them, lo, they take now my contrary part : but I give my self unto prayer.

4 Thus have they rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my good will.

5 Set thou an ungodly man to be ruler over him : and let Satan stand at his right hand.

6 When sentence is given upon him, let him be condemned : and let his prayer be turned into sin.

7 Let his days be few : and let another take his office.

8 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

9 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg their bread : let them seek it also out of desolate places.

10 Let the extortioner consume all that he hath : and let the stranger spoil his labour.

11 Let there be no man to pity him, nor to have compassion upon his fatherless children.

12 Let his posterity be destroyed : and in the next generation let his name be clean put out.

13 Let the wickedness of his fathers be had in remembrance in the sight of the Lord : and let not the sin of his mother be done away.

14 Let them alway be before the Lord : that he may root out the memorial of them from off the earth.

15 And that because his mind was not to do good : but persecuted the poor helpless man, that he might slay him that was vexed at the heart.

16 His

16 His delight was in cursing, and it shall happen unto him: he loved not blessing, therefore shall it be far from him.

17 He cloathed himself with cursing like as with a raiment: and it shall come into his bowels like water, and like oyl into his bones.

18 Let it be unto him as the cloke that he hath upon him, and as the girdle that he is always girded withall.

19 Let it thus happen from the Lord unto mine enemies, and to those that speak evil against my soul.

20 But deal thou with me (O Lord God) according unto thy name: for sweet is thy mercy.

21 O deliver me, for I am helpless and poor: and my heart is wounded within me.

22 I go hence like the shadow that departeth; and am driven away like a grasshopper.

23 My knees are weak through fasting: my flesh is dried up for want of fatness.

24 I became also a rebuke unto them: they that looked upon me shaked their heads.

25 Help me (O Lord my God :) Oh save me according to thy mercy.

26 And they shall know how that this is thy hand, and that thou, Lord, hast done it.

27 Though they curse, yet blest thou: and let them be confounded that rise up against me; but let thy servant rejoice.

28 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame: and let them cover themselves with their own confusion as with a cloke.

29 As for me I will give great thanks unto the Lord with my mouth, and praise him among the multitude.

30 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save his soul from unrighteous Judges.

The PRAYER.

O God of our praise, who was contented that thy Son Jesus Christ should be betrayed into the hand of sinners by one of his own Apostles, the Traitor *Judas*, and in punishment of so great impiety didst suffer Satan to stand at his right hand tempting him to despair, and to give sentence upon himself to condemn himself, and to execute his own judgment, and gavest his Bishoprick to another: let thy righteous judgments find out all those that are Traitors to their Prince, enemies to the Church, Apostates from Religion, Hypocrites under specious pretences and beauteous titles; that they may be clothed with shame, and may cover themselves with their own confusion as with a cloke; that by thy punishments in this life, they may be driven to a sharp and salutary repentance, and may be saved in the life to come. Deal thou with us, O Lord, according to thy mercy; take away thy curse, and let not thy blessing be far from us: let not our wickedness nor the wickedness of our fathers be had in remembrance in thy sight: let our minds be alway to do good, and our hearts and lips be given unto prayer, and our prayers so guided by thy assistances, that they be not turned into sin, that when we go hence like the shadow that departeth, and are driven away like the grasshopper, when the days of our va-

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nity and rejoicing are past, we may stand at thy right hand, and our souls be saved from the lot and portion of the unrighteous, through the righteousness and passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM CX.

A Hymn in the honour of Christ's Kingdom, and Priesthood, and exaltation.

THE Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: be thou ruler even in the midst among thine enemies.

3 In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free will-offerings with an holy worship: the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

4 The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedeck.

5 The Lord upon thy right hand shall wound even Kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the Heathen: he shall fill the places with the dead bodies, and smite in sunder the head over divers countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up his head.

The PRAYER.

O Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who when thy Son had drank of the brook in the way to the grave and to our redemption, (beginning his passion by the brook *Cedron*, and tasting the waters of bitterness till he had drunk off the whole chalice of thy wrath upon the Cross) didst lift up his head, and set him at thy right hand till thou shalt make all his enemies his footstool: fill our hearts with his love and praises, that we may pay him the offerings of our souls and bodies in an holy worship, and joyful thanksgiving for all the parts and mysteries of our redemption; for his birth in the womb of his holy Mother, pure and virginal like the morning dew; for his Death and Passion; and for his continual mediation and intercession by which he doth officiate in his eternal Priesthood, which is after the order of Melchisedeck. Remember us, blessed Jesu, in the day of thy power, when thou shalt come to judge the world, and the places filled with dead bodies shall give up their dead; that we may sit at thy right hand to magnifie and behold the glories of thy Kingdom for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PSALM CXI.

An Eucharistical Hymn for the benefits of the holy Gospel, particularly of the blessed Sacrament.

I Will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great; sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance.

5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment: all his commandments are true.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverent is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter: the praise of it endureth for ever.

The PRAYER.

O Blessed Jesu, whose righteousness endureth for ever, thy work is worthy to be praised and had in honour, for that thou hast been merciful and gracious to us, and hast given meat, even the food of the blessed Sacrament,

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unto them that fear thee, that by the participation of thy Holy Communion we should have thee in remembrance, and ever be mindful of thy Covenant: plant thy fear in our hearts, give us wisdom and good understanding, and make us to have pleasure in thee and all thy works; that we obeying the precepts of thy holy Gospel, and performing the conditions of thy Covenant which thou hast established for ever in truth and equity, in verity and judgment, we may worthily praise and adore thy reverent and holy Name among the faithful in this life, and in the congregation of Saints in the life to come, through thy mercies, O blessed Jesu, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory now and for ever. *Amen.*

PSALM CXII.

*A Prayer for the fear of the Lord, for charity,
and the blessings of the righteous.*

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he hath great delight in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

3 Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness: he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

5 A good man is merciful, and lendeth, and will guide his words with discretion.

6 For he shall never be moved: and the righteous shall be had in an everlasting remembrance.

7 He will not be afraid for any evil tidings : for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

8 His heart is stablished and will not shrink, until he see his desires upon his enemies.

9 He hath dispersed and given to the poor ; and his righteousness remaineth for ever : his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him : he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away : the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, who art to be feared in the generations of the world, teach us the fear of thy Name, that we may fear to offend thee, and that delighting in thy commandments, we may serve thee without fear of our enemies in holiness and righteousness all our days. Let thy light arise upon the darkness of our understandings : let thy mercies and gentleness cure all thoughts of unmercifulness in us ; and make us charitable, of tender bowels, yearning with pity over the needs of the poor. Teach us to guide our words with discretion, make us never to be moved from our purposes of holy living, stablish our hearts in thy love, that in the day of restitution of all things, thou mayest give us the portion of the charitable, the rewards of thy right hand ; and when the wicked shall gnash with their teeth, and consume away in a sad eternity, we may be satisfied with the riches and plenteousness of thy house for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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PSALM CXIII.

*A Thanksgiving to God for his acts of providence,
and particular care over the poor and humble.*

Praise the Lord (ye his servants) O praise the name
of the Lord.

2 Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time
forth for evermore.

3 The Lord's name is praised from the rising up of the
sun, unto the going down of the same.

4 The Lord is high above all heathen, and his glory
above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his
dwellings so high, and yet humbleth himself to behold
the things that are in heaven and earth?

6 He taketh up the simple out of the dust, and lifteth
the poor out of the mire:

7 That he may set him with the Princes, even with the
Princes of the people.

8 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to
be a joyful mother of children.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, whose dwelling is on high,
and yet thou humblest thy self to behold
the things that are in heaven and earth, have
mercy upon us thy humble servants, and lift us
up from the gates of death; take us out of the
mire, that we sink not into the bottomless pit
of misery and infelicity: and when for our sins
thou humblest us as low as the dust, let thy
mercy exalt us, and restore us to the light of thy
countenance and the joy of thy salvation; that

when thou shalt call all the world to judgment from the rising of the Sun to the going down thereof, we may be set with the Princes of thy people, with *Abraham, Isaac and Jacob*, in thine eternal Kingdom, to sing praises to thy Name from this time forth for evermore.
Amen.

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXIV.

A Thanksgiving to God for the deliverance of his people from bondage and misery.

WHen Israel came out of Egypt, and the house of Jacob from among the strange people.
2. Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw that and fled: Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams? and ye little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble thou earth at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob.

8 Which turned the hard rock into a standing water, and the flint-stone into a springing well.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, at whose presence the earth trembles, who workest salvation and deliverance for thy Church in all ages, and didst deliver

deliver thy people from the bondage of *Egypt* with a mighty hand and an arm stretched out in miraculous effects ; deliver us from the bondage of sin, from the tyranny of the Devil, from the Empire and Dominion of the flesh : that our bodies and souls being mortified, our flesh brought under subjection of the spirit, our appetites made subordinate to reason, and our souls wholly conformable to thy will, our hard stony hearts may be converted into hearts of flesh, and into a springing well bringing forth the waters of repentance, and fruits springing up to life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM CXV.

*A Prayer against Idolatry, and for confidence
in the true God.*

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise, for thy loving mercy and for thy truths sake.

2 Wherefore shall the heathen say : Where is now their God ?

3 As for our God, he is in heaven : he hath done whatsoever pleased him.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, even the work of mens hands.

5 They have mouths, and speak not : eyes have they, and see not.

6 They have ears, and hear not : noses have they, and smell not.

7 They have hands, and handle not : feet have they, and walk not ; neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them are like unto them : and so are all such as put their trust in them.

9 But thou house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord: he is their succour and defence.

10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord: he is their helper and defender.

11 Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord: he is their helper and defender.

12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us: even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.

13 He shall bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

14 The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

15 Ye are blessed of the Lord which made heaven and earth.

16 All the whole heavens are the Lord's: the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not thee, O Lord: neither all they that go down into silence.

18 But we will praise the Lord, from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God omnipotent, whose seat is in Heaven, and thou hast done whatsoever pleased thee in Heaven and Earth, give us thy grace, that in all our troubles we may make thee our Succour and Defence, and put our trust in thee only; that we receiving thy mercies and the satisfaction of all our hopes from thy plenteousness and loving kindness, we may give praise unto thy Name, never ascribing to our selves any honour, or the glory and thanks of any good action or prosperous success, but to thee who art the Author and Giver of all good things. Preserve us from all dangers of idolatry.

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idolatry, from worshipping or loving any vain imaginations, and making any thing to be our confidence besides thee our God ; that so thou mayest be mindful of us, and bless us in all our ways, and when we die and go down into silence, we may have our portion amongst the blessed of the Lord, in the inheritance of thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Twenty-fourth Day.

Morning Prayer.

PSALM CXVI.

An act of love and thanksgiving to God, for deliverance from sin and death.

I Am well pleased that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer ;

2 That he hath enclined his ear unto me : therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3 The snares of death compassed me round about : and the pains of hell got hold upon me.

4 I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I shall call upon the name of the Lord : O Lord, I beseech thee deliver my soul.

5 Gracious is the Lord and righteous : yea, our God, is merciful.

6 The Lord preserveth the simple : I was in misery, and he helped me.

7 Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul : for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

8 And why ? thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

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9 I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living

10 I believed, and therefore will I speak ; but I was
fore troubled : I said in my haste all men are liars.

11 What reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the
benefits that he hath done unto me.

12 I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon
the name of the Lord.

13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his
people : right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death
of his saints.

14 Behold (O Lord) how that I am thy servant : I am
thy servant and the son of thy handmaid : thou hast broken
my bonds in sunder.

15 I will offer unto thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving :
and will call upon the name of the Lord.

16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of
all his people : in the courts of the Lord's house, even in
the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God of eternal mercies, gracious
and righteous, give unto us hearts filled
with love and praise to thy holy Name ; for
thou hearest our prayers, thou breakest asunder
the bonds of our sins, thou deliverest our
souls from trouble and heaviness, and snatchest
us from the snares of death, and savest us
from the pains of Hell. O merciful God,
let our souls rest in thee, and be satisfied in
the pleasures of thy mercy, that we may receive
the cup of blessing and salvation, and
celebrate the Eucharist in honour of thy name,
and in remembrance of thy infinite benefits
which thou hast done unto us, and at last may
pay our great Allelujah to the Lord in the
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courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of the celestial Jerusalem, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM CXVII.

An invitation to all people to praise God's mercy and truth.

O Praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.

2 For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord,

The PRAYER.

O Blessed Jesu, who art not only the glory of thy people Israel, but the light of the Gentiles, let thy merciful kindness be ever more and more towards the sons of men, that the Nations which have not known thee may hear thy truth, and feel thy mercies, and call upon thy Name, and thy grace may be confirmed upon us, till we receive the fullness and perfection of thy graces, in the full fruition of the glories of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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PSALM CXVIII.

A Psalm of thanksgiving for the mercies and salvation which are given us in Jesus Christ.

O Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: because his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Let Israel now confess that he is gracious, and that his mercy endureth for ever.

3 Let the house of Aaron now confess that his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Yea, let them now that fear the Lord confess that his mercy endureth for ever.

5 I called upon the Lord in trouble: and the Lord heard me at large.

6 The Lord is on my side: I will not fear what man doth unto me.

7 The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon mine enemies.

8 It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put any confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put any confidence in Princes.

10 All nations compassed me round about: but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them.

11 They kept me in on every side they kept me in (I say) on every side: but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

12 They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire amongst the thorns: for in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the Lord was my help.

14 The Lord is my strength and my song; and is become my salvation.

15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

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16 The right hand of the Lord hath the preeminence :
the right hand of the Lord bringeth many things to pass.

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of
the Lord.

18 The Lord hath chastened and corrected me : but
he hath not given me over unto death.

19 Open me the gates of righteousness : that I may go
into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord ; the righteous shall
enter into it.

21 I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me, and art
become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders refused, is be-
come the head-stone in the corner.

23 This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in
our eyes.

24 This is the day which the Lord hath made : we
will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Help me now, O Lord : O Lord, send us now
prosperity.

26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the
Lord : we have wished you good luck, ye that be of the
house of the Lord.

27 God is the Lord which hath shewed us light : bind
the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the
altar.

28 Thou art my God, and I will thank thee : thou
art my God, and I will praise thee.

29 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.

The PRAYER.

O Most gracious Lord, our strength and
our song, thou art become our salvation,
and thy mercy endureth for ever : be thou on
our side, take part with them that help us,
let the voice of joy and health be in our dwell-
lings,

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lings, and when thou chastenest and correctest us for our sins, give us not over unto death, but fix our faith and hopes upon the head-stone in the corner, even our Lord Jesus Christ; that in all the assaults made against us by our ghostly enemies, the right hand of the Lord may have the preeminence, and bring mighty things to pass, even victory and deliverance unto thy servants, that we putting no confidence in the best of men, may trust in thee, O Lord, till at last, when thou openest the everlasting gates of righteousness, we may enter in and give thee thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXIX.

A Prayer for Religion, zeal, love of the law of God, and meditation in it.

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way, and walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and seek him with their whole heart.

3 For they which do no wickedness, walk in his ways.

4 Thou hast charged that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

5 O that my ways were made so direct, that I might keep thy statutes!

6 So shall I not be confounded, while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

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7 I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart, when I shall have learned the judgments of thy righteousness.

8 I will keep thy ceremonies: O forsake me not utterly.

The PRAYER.

O Blessed Lord God, whose words are light and life to the obedient and believing soul, let thy grace so purifie our hearts and actions, that we may be undefiled in thy way keeping thy testimonies, and seeking thee with our whole heart; that our ways being made direct without wandring into by-paths, we may go into our country, the land of eternal and glorious promises, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

WHerewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? even by ruling himself after thy word.

2 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

3 Thy words have I hid within my heart, that I should not sin against thee.

4 Blessed art thou, O Lord: O teach me thy statutes.

5 With my lips have I been telling of all the judgments of thy mouth.

6 I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies, as in all manner of riches.

7 I will talk of thy commandments, and have respect unto thy ways.

8 My delight shall be in thy statutes: and I will not forget thy word.

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The PRAYER.

GRant, O Lord, that our affections and endeavours be not divided between thee and the world, but that we may seek thee with our whole heart, cleansing our ways from all impurity, giving to thy service our youth and more perfect age, even all our days, and all our powers, taking more delight in the way of thy testimonies than in all manner of riches and fading pleasures ; that we delighting in thee, and the ways that lead to thee, may be beloved of thee with an eternal love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O Do well unto thy servant, that I may live and keep thy word.

2 Open thou mine eyes, that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

3 I am a stranger upon the earth : O hide not thy commandments from me.

4 My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire that it hath alway unto thy judgments.

5 Thou hast rebuked the proud : and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.

6 O turn from me shame and rebuke : for I have kept thy testimonies.

7 Princes did also sit and speak against me : but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.

8 For thy testimonies are my delight, and my counsellors.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, our Father and our Guardian, we are strangers upon the earth, far removed from our Country, and we are in darkness and walk in the shadow of death; let not this darkness seize upon our souls, hide not thy commandments from us, but open our eyes with the light of thy holy Spirit, that we may see the wondrous things of thy law, and admire thy glories, and adore thy might, and obey all thy righteous precepts: and although all our hearts be already enkindled with the love of thy law, yet make our desires to serve thee more fervent, that our lukewarmness may arise up to the flames and ardors of a Cherubim; that while we are busied in thy statutes, making them our delight and our counsellors, shame and rebuke may always be turned from us, and we ever rejoice with hope and confidence in thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

MY soul cleaveth to the dust: O quicken thou me according to thy word.

2 I have knowledged my ways, and thou heardest me: O teach me thy statutes.

3 Make me to understand the way of thy commandments: and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

4 My soul melteth away for very heaviness: comfort thou me according unto thy word.

5 Take from me the way of lying: and cause thou me to make much of thy law.

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6 I have chosen the way of truth: and thy judgments have I laid before me.

7 I have sticken unto thy testimonies: O Lord, confound me not.

8 I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

The PRAYER.

WE have chosen the way of thy truth, O Lord, and laid thy judgments before us, and yet through our infirmities, and the disadvantages of the flesh: we are in heaviness, and drive on slowly like *Pharaoh's* Chariots with the wheels off; our souls and our desires cleave unto the dust and to things below, and we are not active in thy services. O quicken us according to thy word, refresh our weariness, comfort our sadness, take from us the way of lying and vanity, set our hearts at liberty from the bondage of sin, from the fetters of temptation, from the incumbrances of the world; and then we shall run the way of thy commandments, never ceasing to run, till we arrive at the land of eternal rest and righteousness, where thou livest and reigest world without end. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

V.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.

2 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

3 Make me to go in the paths of thy commandments: for therein is my desire.

4 Encline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

5 O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.

6 O stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee.

7 Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of: for thy judgments are good.

8 Behold my delight is in thy commandments: O quicken me in thy righteousness.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, who art of infinite sanctity, and hast given us thy law, that we walking in so divine a rule, may imitate the perfection of thy holiness; make us to go all our days in the paths of thy Commandments: take from us all greedy and inordinate appetite of the creature, let not our hearts be inclined to covetousness, nor our eyes wander after vanity: but grant that we being established

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blished in thy law, and walking in thy fear, may persevere in the ways of righteousness, keeping the way of thy statutes even unto the end; that the rebuke which for our sins we may justly fear, may by thy mercies and pardon be taken away from us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VI.

LET thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according unto thy word.

2 So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers: for my trust is in thy word.

3 O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth: for my hope is in thy judgments.

4 So shall I always keep thy law; yea, for ever and ever.

5 And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy commandments.

6 I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before Kings, and will not be ashamed.

7 And my delight shall be in thy commandments which I have loved.

8 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved: and my study shall be in thy statutes.

The PRAYER.

LET thy loving mercy come unto us, O Lord, and thy salvation; for thou always keepest promise, and never disappointest the hopes of them that trust in thee. Give us confidence and boldness in thee, that we may never fear or blush to confess thee before men, but may speak of thy testimonies even before

before kings, and may never be ashamed of thy Word, which is the ground of our hope; but that our hands may be lift up to perform thy law, and our study, our love and our delight may be in it, even for ever and ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VII.

O Think upon thy servant as concerning thy word, wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

2 The same is my comfort in my trouble: for thy word hath quickened me.

3 The proud have had me exceedingly in derision: yet have I not shrunk from thy law.

4 For I remembered thine everlasting judgments, O Lord, and received comfort.

5 I am horribly afraid for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

6 Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

7 I have thought upon thy name, O Lord, in the night season, and have kept thy law.

8 This I had because I kept thy commandments.

The PRAYER.

THink upon us, O Lord, in all our desires, in all our fears, in all our troubles; let thy law give us comfort, redress and satisfaction: that in our trouble we may thence derive comfort, in our fears we may there fix our anchor of hope, and from thence we may get defence against the derisions and insolencies of the proud. And grant that thy grace may reward thy grace in us, and a farther degree

gree of sanctity may crown the first beginnings, and when by thy assistances we think upon thy Name, and keep thy Law, we beg this only, that our reward may be still to keep thy Commandments. Grant this for Jesus Christ his sake, our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

VIII.

THOU art my portion, O Lord: I have promised to keep thy law.

2 I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart: O be merciful unto me according to thy word.

3 I called mine own ways to remembrance, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

4 I made hast and prolonged not the time, to keep thy commandments.

5 The congregation of the ungodly have robbed me, but I have not forgotten thy law.

6 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee, because of thy righteous judgments.

7 I am a companion of all them that fear thee and keep thy commandments.

8 The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy: O teach me thy statutes.

The PRAYER.

O Dear God, be thou our portion and the lot of our inheritance, and be merciful unto us whenever we make our humble petition in thy presence, and above all the desires of our souls let us receive satisfaction in this request: give us repentance and thy holy Spirit that we calling our own ways to remembrance

may be truly sorrowful for our past sins, and may make haste, prolonging not the time, but early and instantly turn our feet unto thy testimonies; that we being companions of all that fear thee, may be partakers of all the blessings in the communion of Saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IX.

O Lord, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant according unto thy word.

2 O learn me true understanding and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments.

3 Before I was troubled, I went wrong: but now have I kept thy word.

4 Thou art good and gracious: O teach me thy statutes.

5 The proud have imagined a lye against me: but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

6 Their heart is as fat as brawn: but my delight hath been in thy law.

7 It is good for me that I have been in trouble, that I may learn thy statutes.

8 The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

The PRAYER.

THOU, O Lord, art gracious even in the execution of thy judgments and displeasure against sinners, and thou sendest chastisement and correction to us when we go wrong, that thou mayest chide us into obedience and the blessings of eternity: let not idleness and sensuality make us remiss in our duty, nor our

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own vanity and the sense of thy favour make us proud, nor the want of holy discipline make us impudent and refractory; but let thy mercies and judgments learn us thy statutes, and make them dearer to us than thousands of gold and silver; that while we make thy statutes to be our treasure, our heart may be fixed on them in a continual meditation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

X.

THY hands have made me and fashioned me: O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

2 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me: because I have put my trust in thy word.

3 I know (O Lord) that thy judgments are right: and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

4 O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.

5 O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.

6 Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me: but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

7 Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies, be turned unto me.

8 O let my heart be sound in thy statutes, that I be not ashamed.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our Maker, thy hands have made us and fashioned us, let thy holy Spirit regenerate us, and thy grace form us a-new ; that the old man being destroy'd, the new man may be produced in righteousness and sanctity ; that our hearts may be sound in thy statutes without hypocrisy and inordinate ends, full of candor and ingenuity ; that thy loving mercies coming unto us in a full stream, we may live in them, and be turned unto thee, never to be removed from thy law and love. Grant this for the love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

XI.

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation : and I have a good hope because of thy word.

2 Mine eyes long sore for thy word, saying, O when wilt thou comfort me ?

3 For I am become like a bottle in the smock : yet do I not forget thy statutes.

4 How many are the days of thy servant ? when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me ?

5 The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law.

6 All thy commandments are true : they persecute me falsely : O be thou my help.

7 They had almost made an end of me upon earth : but I forsook not thy commandments.

8 O quicken me after thy loving kindness ; and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our helper, teach us to remember our end, to consider our years that are past, that we in consideration how few the days of thy servants are which are yet to come, may quicken our industry and affections to thy law; that by a double and more active endeavour in the ways of thy commandments, we may redeem the time, and by thy mercy being delivered from all them that trouble and persecute us, we may be refreshed in thy eternal comforts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

XII.

O Lord, thy word endureth for ever in heaven.
2 Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another: thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

3 They continue this day according to thine ordinance: for all things serve thee.

4 If my delight had not been in thy law, I should have perished in my trouble.

5 I will never forget thy commandments: for with them thou hast quickned me.

6 I am thine, oh save me: for I have sought thy commandments.

7 The ungodly laid wait for me, to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies.

8 I see that all things come to an end: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our Guide, thou hast laid the foundation of the earth sure, and it abideth, but thy Word endureth for ever in Heaven: and though heaven and earth shall pass away, yet one tittle of thy Word shall never pass in vain and unaccomplished: teach us to obey thee with a regular obedience, that since all the creatures continue according to thine ordinance and serve thee, we only may not disobey thee, and disturb the order of Creation by a rebellion of creatures against their Maker, lest thy wrath arise upon us, and we perish in our trouble. Have mercy upon us, and deliver us from thy wrath, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XIII.

Lord, what love have I unto thy law! all the day long is my study in it.

2 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than thine enemies: for they are ever with me.

3 I have more understanding than my teachers: for thy testimonies are my study.

4 I am wiser than the aged: because I keep thy commandments.

5 I have refrained my feet from every evil way; that I may keep thy word.

6 I have not shrunk from thy judgments: for thou teachest me.

7 O how sweet are thy works unto my throat? yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

8 Through thy commandments I get understanding: therefore I hate all wicked ways.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our Governour, who art the fountain of all wisdom and understanding and hast commanded that all that lack wisdom should ask it of thee, who givest liberally; make us wise and understanding in the observation of thy Commandments, that we may refrain our feet from every evil way, and never shrink from thy judgments, but may delight and study in all the expresses of thy will which thou hast revealed to us by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

XIV.

THY word is a lanthorn unto my feet, and a light unto my paths.

2 I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed to keep thy righteous judgments.

3 I am troubled above measure: quicken me (O Lord) according to thy word.

4 Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord: teach me thy judgments.

5 My soul is alway in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law.

6 The ungodly have laid a snare for me: but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

7 Thy testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever: and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

8 I have applied my heart to fulfill my statutes alway,
even unto the end. *The*

The PRAYER.

O Son of righteousness, that camest to bring light into the world by thy word and example and illumination of thy holy Spirit; let thy Spirit lead us, thy example guide us, thy word teach us; that we may not love darkness more than light, but may keep thy righteous judgments according to our many purposes and our vow of Baptism. Keep us from the snare of the ungodly, and from our own selves, the dangers of our own concupiscence, and the miseries of our infirmity: leave not our souls in our own hands, but keep them under thy protection and government, lest we swerve from thy commandments; but that applying our hearts alway to fulfil thy statutes even unto the end, we may possess thy law as our portion and inheritance for ever. Grant this, O blessed Jesu, for thy promise and for thy mercies sake, that we may glorifie thee in the unity of the most mysterious Trinity, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

XV.

I Hate them that imagine evil things: but thy law do I love.

2 Thou art my defence and shield: and my trust is in thy word.

3 Away from me, ye wicked: I will keep the commandments of my God.

4 O stablish me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

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5 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.

6 Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes ; for they imagine but deceit.

7 Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : therefore I love thy testimonies.

8 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee : and I am afraid of thy judgments.

The PRAYER.

O God of our defence and shield, thou that treadest down all them that depart from thy law, and puttest away the ungodly of the earth like dross, let thy mercies hold us up, that we may be safe from sin and death eternal : make us to hate all evil things, all evil imaginations ; that we being established with a trust in thee, and building our expectations upon thy mercies and promises, we may not be disappointed of our hope, but may live with thee eternally through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XVI.

I Deal with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

2 Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good ; that the proud do me no wrong.

3 Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health, and for the word of thy righteousness.

4 O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy, and teach me thy statutes.

5 I am thy servant : O grant me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

6 It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand : for they have destroyed thy law.

7 For I love thy commandments above gold and precious stones.

8 Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments : and all false ways I utterly abhor.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God thou seest with what miseries and dangers we are encompassed, our ghostly enemies seek to do us wrong, and to oppress our souls : give us not over unto their malice, but arm us against their pride and insolency by faith in thy word, by hope of thy mercies, and looking for thy health, and by love unto thy commandments, that so in this world, and in the eternal retribution of the Saints, thou mayest deal with thy servants according to thy loving mercy. Grant this for Jesus Christ his sake our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

XVII.

TH Y testimonies are wonderful : therefore doth my soul keep them.

2 When thy word goeth forth, it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

3 I opened my mouth and drew in my breath : for my delight was in thy commandments.

4 O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me : as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

5 Order my steps in thy word : and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

6 O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men : and so shall I keep thy commandments.

7 Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant, and teach me thy statutes.

8 Mine eyes gush out with water, because men keep not thy law.

The PRAYER.

O Just and dear God, shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servants, and let this light give unto us understanding in thy law, that our steps being ordered in thy word, thou mayest deliver us from the wrongful dealings of men, and from the malicious enmities of our ghostly adversaries; that by their temptations and our own weakness we may never be brought under the dominion of sin and wickedness; that when thy word goeth forth to call to judgment all people, quick and dead, thou mayest be merciful unto us, and save us, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name. Grant this for the merits and mercies of our dearest Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

XVIII.

Righteous art thou, O Lord, and true is thy judgment.

2 The testimonies that thou hast commanded are exceeding righteous and true.

3 My zeal hath even consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

4 Thy word is tried to the uttermost: and thy servant loveth it.

5 I am small and of no reputation: yet do I not forget thy commandments.

6 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness: and thy law is the truth.

7 Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me: yet is my delight in thy commandments.

8 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

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The PRAYER.

O Righteous Lord God, whose judgments are true, and thy testimonies exceeding righteous, enkindle our souls with a zeal to thy laws and service, that the continual remembrance of thy Commandments may so enable our souls, as to give a greatness and reputation to us in thy estimation, even the greatness of humility and obedience, which are more honourable in thy eyes than all the pomps and vanities of this world. Grant this for his sake, who for our sakes humbled himself to the form of a servant, and became obedient to the death of the Cross, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory now and for ever. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

XIX.

I Call with my whole heart; hear me, O Lord: I will keep thy statutes.

2 Yea, even unto thee do I call: help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

3 Early in the morning do I cry unto thee: for in thy word is my trust.

4 Mine eyes prevent the night watches; that I might be occupied in thy word.

5 Hear my voice (O Lord) according unto thy loving kindness: quicken me according as thou art wont.

6 They draw nigh that of malice persecute me, and are far from thy law.

7 Be

7 Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord : for all thy commandments are true.

8 As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since that thou hast grounded them for ever.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God of eternal mercy and truth, give us hearts fixed upon thy divine beauties, and an actual intention in our prayers, that we may call upon thee with our whole hearts ; and do thou hear in heaven when we call upon thee : deliver us from all them that of malice draw nigh to persecute and afflict us ; be thou also nigh at hand, and nothing can disturb our safety. Make us to see thee early in the morning ; let our eyes and our prayers prevent the night-watches, that we may be safe in our conversation with thee, and our daily approaches to thy Mercy-seat, where thou sittest attended with Cherubims and Seraphims ; glorious in thy self, incomprehensible in thy attributes, and infinitely rejoicing in thy mercies which thou shewest unto us in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

XX.

O Consider mine adversity, and deliver me : for I do not forget thy law.

2 Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me : quicken me according unto thy word.

3 Health is far from the ungodly : for they regard not thy statutes.

4 Great is thy mercy, O Lord : quicken me as thou art wont.

5 Many

5 Many there are that trouble me and persecute me : yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

6 It grieveth me when I see the transgressors ; because they kept not thy law.

7 Consider, O Lord, how I love thy Commandments : O quicken me according to thy loving kindness.

8 Thy word is true from everlasting : all the judgments of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

The PRAYER.

O Lord, thy mercy is great, thy Word is true from everlasting, and in the truth of thy Word and in the mercies of thy promises and loving kindness thou lovest to be known to the sons of men. O give us thy health and salvation, that our souls being delivered from the heavy pressure of sin, and quickened in thy Word, thou mayest avenge us of all our ghostly enemies, and deliver us in thy righteousness in the day of thy eternal vengeance upon the ungodly, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXI.

PRinces have persecuted me without a cause : but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

2 I am as glad of thy word as one that findeth great spoils.

3 As for lyes, I hate and abhor them : but thy law do I love.

4 Seven times a day do I praise thee, because of thy righteous judgments.

5 Great is the peace that they have which love thy law : and they are not offended at it.

6 Lord, I have looked for thy saving health, and done after thy commandments.

7 My

7 My soul hath kept thy testimonies, and loved them exceedingly.

8 I have kept thy commandments and testimonies: for all my ways are before thee.

The PRAYER.

ALL our ways (O God) are before thee; let all our ways be directed by thee, and teach us to walk as in thy presence. Make us to hate and abhor lyes and vanity: and give us so much love and so much zeal of thy name and honour, that we may make it a business to give praises to thee with a frequent and daily devotion; that we standing in awe of thy Word and holy Laws, and doing after thy Commandments, our expectations may be satisfied with thy saving health, and we may at last enjoy the peace which they have that love thy Law, even the peace of a good conscience here, and of a blessed eternity hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXII.

LET my complaint come before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word.

2 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

3 My lips shall speak of thy praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

4 Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteous.

5 Let thine hand help me: for I have chosen thy commandments.

6 I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord: and in thy law is my delight.

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7 O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee : and thy judgments shall help me.

8 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost : Oh seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, we have gone astray from thy Commandments, and been like lost sheep ; thou art our Shepherd and our merciful Guide : O seek thy servants, let thy hand help us, let thy care and providence reduce us into the way of thy statutes ; that we being delivered according to thy own Word from thy wrath, and from our corruptions and irregularities, may at last be satisfied with thy saving health, and our lips may speak of thy praise in the Quire of Saints and Angels, singing glorious Anthems to all eternity to the honour of thee, O Lord God eternal, who livest and reignest world without end. *Amen.*

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PSALM CXX.

A Prayer to be delivered from false tongues, and cohabitation with wicked persons.

W Hen I was in trouble, I called upon the Lord ; and he heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips,
and from a deceitful tongue. 3 What

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3 What reward shall be given or done unto thee thou false tongue? even mighty and sharp arrows, with hot burning coals.

4 Wo is me that I am constrained to dwell with Mesek, and to have my habitation among the tents of Kedar.

5 My soul hath long dwelt among them that be enemies unto peace.

6 I labour for peace: but when I speak unto them thereof, they make them ready to battel.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, who hearest the prayers of them that call upon thee in their calamities and distresses, have mercy upon us thy servants, who live in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, whereof we our selves make too great a part: we beseech thee so to order the circumstances and opportunities of our life, that we may live in the society of holy people, whose example and conversation may be a continual incentive to the ways of peace and righteousness; and deliver us from a necessity of conversing with turbulent spirits, angry and unpeaceful dispositions, who upon all occasions make themselves ready to battel. Sanctifie our hearts and lips with a burning coal from thy altar, that our words may be holy and profitable; and keep us from all slander and scandal, and the rewards of both, the sharp arrows of thy vengeance, the hot burning coals of thy wrath. Grant this for Jesus Christ his sake, our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

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P S A L M CXXI.

A Prayer for God's protection over us.

I Will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh even from the Lord which hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.

6 So that the Sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the Moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

The P R A Y E R.

O Lord God our keeper, who dwellest upon the eternal hills, from whence cometh all our help, let thy mercies and thy providence watch over us by day and night, that neither the vanities of the one nor the terrors of the other may disturb our peace or safety. Let not our feet be moved, but be fixed upon the rock Christ Jesus: and so order our goings, making us to walk in the way of thy Commandments, that thou mayest go in and out before us, till at last we come into thy presence to dwell with thee for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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PSALM CXXII.

A Prayer for the peace and prosperity of the Church.

I Was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.

2 Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

5 For there is the seat of judgment : even the seat of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions sake, I will thee prosperity.

9 Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

The PRAYER.

O Blessed Jesu, who didst descend according to thy humane Nature from the house of thy servant *David*, and hast planted a Church, and defended it with a mighty hand and great assistances; be pleased to preserve peace within her walls, and send plenteousness within her palaces, that all that love her peace may prosper, and receive the blessings which thou givest to thy faithful people in the communion of Saints. Take from her all schisms and divisions, that she may be like a city that is

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at unity within it self, strong in faith, abounding in hope, and rich in the treasure of charity ; that at last she may be removed to a fellowship of all those joys and felicities which are laid up for the inhabitants of the heavenly Jerusalem which is from above, and is the Mother of us all. Grant this, O blessed Jesu, our only Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

PSALM CXXIII.

An Ejaculation, or a lifting up our souls to God for help in trouble.

UNto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2 Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress : even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us : for we are utterly despised.

4 Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy, and the despitefulness of the proud.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, that dwellest in the heavens, have mercy upon us in all our troubles, in contempt, in our poverty, and whenever we are oppressed by any injurious practices of the proud. Thou art our Lord and Master, we are thy servants ; our eyes wait upon thee till thou have mercy upon us : let us not be ashamed of our hope, nor unfaithful in our services, nor distrustful of thy providence ; but make us diligent

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ligent labourers in our calling, good husbands of our talents, and faithful in all thy house ; that we first serving thee, may at last sit down at meat with thee at thy table in thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM CXXIV.

A Thanksgiving for our deliverance from the power of all our enemies, and a confessing God to be the Author of it.

IF the Lord himself had not been on our side (now may Israel say,) if the Lord himself had not been on our side when men rose up against us ;

2 They had swallowed us up quick, when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.

3 Yea, the waters had drowned us, and the stream had gone over our soul.

4 The deep waters of the proud had gone over our soul.

5 But praised be the Lord, which hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.

6 Our soul is escaped, even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler : the snare is broken, and we are delivered.

7 Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord which hath made heaven and earth.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, which hast made Heaven and Earth, in whose Name our help standeth, we praise and bless thy Name that in our troubles and temptations thou hast stood on our side, and pleaded for us against them that rose against us. It was thy hand (O Lord) and

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and the help of thy mercy that relieved us: the waters of affliction had drowned us, and the stream had gone over our soul, if the Spirit of the Lord had not moved upon the waters. Thou (O Lord) didst blast the designs of our enemies with the breath of thy displeasure, and to thee (O Lord) we ascribe the praise and honour of our redemption. Perpetuate thy mercies to us, let us never be given over as a prey to our ghostly enemies, but break their snares, discover and weaken all their temptations by which they would destroy our souls; that we being delivered from sin, may be preserved from thy wrath, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM CXXV.

A Prayer for confidence in God, and for deliverance from the portion of the wicked.

THEY that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion, which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem: even so standeth the Lord round about his people from this time forth for evermore.

3 For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.

4 Do well, O Lord, unto those that be good and true of heart.

5 As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness, the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil doers: but peace shall be upon Israel.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, our trust and confidence, in whom whosoever trusteth shall never be removed, but standeth for ever; let thy mercies and the guard of holy Angels stand round about us, and about all thy holy people, like the hills, for our defence and safety, that we may be inaccessible by all the intendments of our enemies. O let us not put our hands to wickedness, neither let our portion be in the lot of the ungodly, whom thou ledest forth to destruction: but let us receive the blessing which our Lord Jesus left unto his Church, even the peace of God the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; to whom be all honour and glory ascribed of men and Angels, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXXVI.

A Contemplation of the joys and blessings of them that depart hence in the Lord.

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion, then were we like to them that dream.
 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with joy.

3 Then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already; whereof we rejoice.

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5 Turn thou our captivity, O Lord, as the rivers in the south.

6 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed, shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, who hast promised salvation to thy people, and hast done great things for us already, deliver us from the captivity and bondage of sin and misery. Fill our hearts with holy sorrow and compunction whenever we trespass against thee; and teach us so to deny our selves, to mortifie our affections, to crucifie our lusts and all the temptations of the flesh, that we going on our way mourning and weeping, despising the pleasures of this life, may, when thy great harvest shall come, and thy reapers the Angels shall separate the wheat from the tares, come before thee with joy, and bring our sheaves with us to be laid up in thy granary, that so we may escape the everlasting burning, through the mercies of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

PSALM CXXVII.

A Prayer for God's blessings to go along with the temporal good things he gives us.

EXcept the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it.

2 Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman watcheth but in vain.

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3 It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

4 Lo, children and the fruit of the womb are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.

5 Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant, even so are the young children.

6 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our God, without whose blessing all our labours are vain and unprofitable, and our possessions are but bitter and unpleasant; let thy blessing be upon our labours and our substance, our children and our dwelling, that the good things of this life may be an heritage and gift from the issues of thy favour, and an earnest of a greater blessing: make our souls diligent in thy service, not importunate and greedy for the increase of riches: let our dwellings be safe and peaceable, and our families increase in thy blessings; that we feeling the comforts of thy favour here, may be stirred up to great desires after the blessings of eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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PSALM CXXVIII.

*A Prayer for the fear of God, and the blessings
of the godly.*

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be.

3 Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine upon the walls of thine house.

4 Thy children like the olive-branches round about thy table.

5 Lo, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

6 The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee, that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.

7 Yea that thou shalt see thy childrens children, and peace upon Israel.

The P R A Y E R.

O Lord God, who hast promised to multiply thy blessings upon them that fear thee, teach us the fear of the Lord; and let thy Spirit so assist us, that we may walk in thy ways with great observation of all our actions, and much diligence to perform thy holy will; that we may receive the blessings of the righteous, blessings of the right hand and of the left hand, and may rejoice in the blessing and peace of thy Church, waiting for the consummation of all blessing and peace in thy eternal Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PSALM CXXIX.

A Prayer against the enemies of the Church.

MAny a time have they fought against me from my youth up, (may Israel now say;)

2 Yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up; but they have not prevailed against me.

3 The plowers plowed upon my back, and made long furrows.

4 But the righteous Lord hath hewen the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

5 Let them be confounded and turned backward, as many as have evil will at Sion.

6 Let them be even as the grass growing upon the house-tops, which withereth afore it be plucked up.

7 Whereof the mower filleth not his hand, neither he that bindeth up the sheaves his bosom.

8 So that they which go by, say not so much as, The Lord prosper you: we wish you good luck in the name of the Lord.

The P R A Y E R.

O Most blessed Jesu, who for our sins didst suffer the plowers to plow upon thy back, and make long furrows, suffering shame and whipping for our sakes, and all the contradictions of sinners, and didst leave sorrows and afflictions entailed upon thy Church, that by suffering with thee, she might at last reign with thee in glory: deliver us and all thy holy Church from all that fight against us, hew the snares of the ungodly in pieces, let the designs of them that have evil will at thy Church be like the grass growing upon the house-tops, withered and blasted before it comes to maturity;

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ity; and make us to prosper under thy mercies, and in the good wishes and devout prayers of holy people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM CXXX.

A Penitential Psalm, or a Prayer for Pardon and redemption from sins.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee (O Lord:) Lord, hear my voice.

2 Oh let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

3 If thou, Lord, wilt be extream to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch: I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel trust in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plenteous redemption.

8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

The PRAYER.

Lord God, blessed Jesu, with whom is mercy and plenteous redemption, who didst redeem thy people from all their sins, paying the ransom of thine own blood to purchase us freedom and salvation; let the height of thy mercy take us up from the deep abyss of sin and misery. O be not extream to mark what we have done amiss, for it is impossible we should abide the extremity of thy severest

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judgments. And as thy mercy pardons what is past, so let the sweetness of it beget thy fear in our hearts, that we may not dare to offend so gracious, so merciful a God; but that trusting in thy Word, and flying unto thee for succour, we may wait for thee till our change cometh, looking for thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. Grant this for thy mercies and compassion sake, O blessed Jesu, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

P S A L M CXXXI.

A Prayer for the graces of humility and mortification.

Lord, I am not high minded, I have no proud looks.
 2 I do not exercise my self in great matters which are too high for me.

3 But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, like as a child that is weaned from his mother: yea my soul is even as a weaned child.

4 O Israel, trust in the Lord from this time forth for evermore.

The P R A Y E R.

O Lord God, before whom the humble Publican (who durst not lift up his eyes to Heaven, but with confusion of face begged pardon) was justified and acquitted; give unto us thy servants humility of soul, and modesty in our behaviour, that our looks be not proud, nor our thoughts arrogant, nor our designs ambitious: but that our souls being refrained from all vanity and pride, our affections weaned from great opinions and love
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of our selves, we may trust in thee, follow the example of our blessed Master, and receive thy promises which thou hast made unto us in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM CXXXII.

A Prayer for the Church, for the promotion of Religion, for the King, and for the Clergy.

Lord, remember David and all his trouble :
2 How he sware unto the Lord, and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob.

3 I will not come within the tabernacle of my house, nor climb up-into my bed :

4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eyelids to slumber, neither the temples of my head to take any rest ;

5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata, and found it in the wood.

7 We will go into his tabernacle, and fall low on our knees before his foot-stool.

8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting place, thou and the ark of thy strength.

9 Let thy Priests be clothed with righteousness : and let thy Saints sing with joyfulness.

10 For thy servant David's sake, turn not away the presence of thine anointed.

11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David, and he shall not shrink from it.

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12 Of the fruit of thy body shall I set upon thy seat.
13 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall learn them, their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.

14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself : he hath longed for her.

15 This shall be my rest for ever : here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

16 I will bless her victuals with increase, and will satisfy her poor with bread.

17 I will deck her priests with health : and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish : I have ordained a lanthorn for mine anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I shall cloath them with shame : but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, who dwellest not in temples made with hands, and yet hast been pleased to manifest thy presence by special blessings and assistances in places set apart for thy worship, be pleased to hear our prayers, and accept our services whenever we make our addressees to thee in the house of prayer, and fall down low on our knees before thy footstool : let thy Priests be clothed with righteousness, and let thy Saints sing with joyfulness, and let all those that make their approaches unto thee, purifie their hearts and hands, that they may offer to thee a pure sacrifice, even the sacrifice of obedience and holiness, and the expresses of true Religion. Bless (O Lord) thy servant the King, whom thou hast made the Patron and Defender of the Church ; make
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his horn to flourish and be exalted above all his enemies, and let thy word be as a lanthorn for thine Anointed, to shew him thy holy will and pleasure; that he seeking thy honour and glory, thy Church may flourish under the covert of his shield and patronage, her victuals may be blessed with increase, her poor satisfied with bread, her Priests decked with health, her Saints with joy, and himself with honour and great renown, and a flourishing Diadem, while his enemies sit clothed in shame and misery. Grant this, O blessed God, for Jesus Christ his sake, our Lord and only Saviour.
Amen.

PSALM CXXXIII.

*A Prayer for unity in the Church, in a Kingdom
or Family.*

BEhold how good and joyful a thing it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity.

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard; even unto Aarons beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

3 Like as the dew of Hermon, which fell upon the hill of Sion.

4 For there the Lord promised his blessing, and life for evermore.

The PRAYER.

O Blessed Jesu, in whose garment was variety, but no rent or seam, have mercy upon thy holy Catholick Church and all Christian Kingdoms and Families; and so unite all

our hearts and affections by the union of Faith and Charity, that we be not torn into Factions and Schisms, but being anointed with the precious ointment, even the anointing of thy Spirit from above, we may keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: and grant that this holy ointment may so knit together the Guides of thy Church, the Rulers of Kingdoms, the Princes of the Nations, that the blessings of it may descend to the skirts of the people, and that thou mayest bless us with thy graces here and hereafter, give us life for evermore in the participation of thy glorious Kingdom, where thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM CXXXIV.

An invitation to the Clergy to be diligent in singing God's praises publicly.

BEhold (now) praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord:

2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord; even in the courts of the house of our God.

3 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

4 The Lord that made heaven and earth give thee blessing out of Sion.

The PRAYER.

O Lord, Creator and Governour of all the World, thou that madest heaven and Earth, that all should celebrate thy praise
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and the glory of thy Name; give great Religion and devout affections to thy Ministers, that by frequent elevation of their hands and hearts in thy Sanctuary in behalf of themselves and all the people, thy honour may be exalted among all thy servants, Religion may be advanced, and the love of thy Name increased, and thy blessings may descend upon us in a plentiful proportion, to supply all our necessities, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM CXXXV.

A Prayer that God would avenge his people of their Enemies, and an invitation of them to praise his Name.

O Praise the Lord, laud ye the name of the Lord : praise it, O ye servants of the Lord.

2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

3 O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious : O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.

4 For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his own possession.

5 For I know that the Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in the earth, and in the sea, and in all deep places:

7 He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world, and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures.

8 He smote the first-born of Egypt, both of man and beast.

9 He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee,

thee, O thou land of Egypt : upon Pharaoh and all his servants.

10 He smote divers Nations, and slew mighty Kings.

11 Schon King of the Amorites, and Og the King of Basan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

12 And gave their land to be an heritage : even an heritage unto Israel his people.

13 Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever : so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.

14 For the Lord will avenge his people, and be gracious unto his servants.

15 As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold, the works of mens hands.

16 They have mouths and speak not : eyes have they, but they see not.

17 They have ears, and yet they hear not : neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them are like unto them : and so are all they that put their trust in them.

19 Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel : praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron.

20 Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi : ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.

21 Praised be the Lord out of Sion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, in whose sight the death of all the Saints is precious, and to whom the souls of the Martyrs from under the Altar call to avenge their blood that is shed like water upon the earth ; be gracious unto us thy servants, avenge all thy people of their enemies : that all that hate and persecute thy Church being either brought to repentance or confusion, thy Name and thy memorial may

may be celebrated to all generations, thy Kingdom and thy coming may be hastened; that the Saints may receive the consummation of their glories, by resurrection of their bodies, and receiving the crown of righteousness which thou hast prepared for all that put their trust in thee, and that we all standing in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God for ever, may praise thy Name which is gracious and lovely, even for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXXXVI.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving to God for his eternal mercies.

O Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 O give thanks unto the God of all gods : for his mercy endureth for ever.

3 O thank the Lord of all lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 Which only doth great wonders : for his mercy endureth for ever.

5 Which by his excellent wisdom made the heavens : for his mercy endureth for ever.

6 Which laid out the earth above the waters : for his mercy endureth for ever.

7 Which hath made great lights : for his mercy endureth for ever.

8 The Sun to rule the day : for his mercy endureth for ever.

9 The Moon and the Stars to govern the night : for his mercy endureth for ever.

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10 Which smote Egypt with their first born : for his mercy endureth for ever.

11 And brought out Israel from among them : for his mercy endureth for ever.

12 With a mighty hand and a stretched out arm : for his mercy endureth for ever.

13 Which divided the Red sea into two parts : for his mercy endureth for ever.

14 And made Israel to go through the midst of it : for his mercy endureth for ever.

15 But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the Red sea : for his mercy endureth for ever.

16 Which led his people through the wilderness : for his mercy endureth for ever.

17 Which smote great Kings : for his mercy endureth for ever.

18 Yea, and slew mighty Kings : for his mercy endureth for ever.

19 Sehon King of the Amorites : for his mercy endureth for ever.

20 And Og the King of Basan : for his mercy endureth for ever.

21 And gave away their land for an heritage : for his mercy endureth for ever.

22. Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant : for his mercy endureth for ever.

23 Which remembered us when we were in trouble : for his mercy endureth for ever.

24 And hath delivered us from our enemies : for his mercy endureth for ever.

25 Which giveth food to all flesh : for his mercy endureth for ever.

26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven : for his mercy endureth for ever.

27 O give thanks unto the Lord of lords : for his mercy endureth for ever.

The PRAYER.

O God of Heaven and Lord of lords, who by thy excellent wisdom hast made the Heavens, and only dost great wonders in Heaven and Earth, making all thy creatures to be expresses of thy power and of thy loving mercy; let thy mighty hand and stretched out arm lead us through the midst of this world and the throng of all our enemies, giving us food for the sustenance of our bodies, the light of the Sun of righteousness to lead us in our goings, and great apprehensions of thy mercy to excite in us devotion and true Religion, that we praising thy mercies, and being relieved and sustained by thy loving kindness, may at last come to the land of promise which thou givest for an heritage to thy people, and may receive the mercies of thy Kingdom, which endure for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM CXXXVII.

A Prayer for the redemption of the Church from captivity and persecution.

BY the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered (thee) O Sion.

2 As for our harps, we hanged them upon the trees that are therein.

3 For they that led us away captive required of us then a song and melody in our heaviness: Sing us one of the songs of Sion.

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4 How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.

6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth : yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem in my mirth.

7 Remember the children of Edom, O Lord, in the day of Jerusalem : how they said, Down with it, down with it, even to the ground.

8 O daughter of Babylon, wasted of misery : yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee, as thou hast served us.

9 Blessed shall he be that taketh thy children, and throweth them against the stones.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our God, thou hast placed us in this world like pilgrims and strangers far from our Country, far from rest ; give us souls and desires so abstract, so religious and contemplative, that all our hopes, our joys and longings may be to enjoy thee and thy glories in the celestial Jerusalem : and let thy comforts refresh us in this our captivity and exile, that in our heaviness thou mayst be our joy, our songs and melody may be the songs of Sion, the praises of thy Name ; that when thou hast delivered us from the wrath and malice of our enemies, and dashed all their wickedness (which they have conceived, and would bring forth to our destruction) against the Rock Christ Jesus, we may be blessed amongst thy children, and be carried into our Country, the Land of glorious promises,
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there to reign with thee, who livest and governest all things, world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM CXXXVIII.

A Prayer and a Thanksgiving for God's mercies.

I Will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name, because of thy loving kindness and truth: for thou hast magnified thy name and thy word above all things.

3 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me, and enduedst my soul with much strength.

4 All the Kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord: for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his loving kindness towards me: yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: despise not then the works of thine own hands.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, who hast magnified thy Name and Word above all things, make good thy loving kindnesses towards us, and endue our souls with much strength; that thine hand being stretched forth upon the furiousness of all

all our ghostly enemies, and we being saved by thy right hand, may praise thee and all thy glories, serving thee here with a lowly mind and a great industry : that at last we may worship thee in thy holy Temple, in the midst of all the myriads of Angels, where thy glory is great and far exalted above all gods. Grant this for Jesus Christ his sake, our Lord and only Saviour. *Amen.*

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PSALM CXXXIX.

A Meditation of the omnipresence of God, and a Prayer, that we may always walk as in his sight.

O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me : thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts long before.

2 Thou art about my path and about my bed, and spiest out all my ways.

3 For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

4 Thou hast fashioned me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me : I cannot attain unto it.

6 Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit? or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

7 If I climb up into heaven, thou art there : if I go down to hell, thou art there also,

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8 If I take the wings of the morning and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea ;

9 Even there also shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

10 If I say, peradventure the darkness shall cover me : then shall my night be turned into day.

11 Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day : the darkness and light (to thee) are both alike.

12 For my reins are thine : thou hast covered me in my mothers womb.

13 I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made : marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

14 My bones are not hid from thee : though I be made secretly and fashioned beneath in the earth.

15 Thine eyes did see my substance yet being unperfect : and in thy book were all my members written.

16 Which day by day were fashioned, whenas yet there was none of them.

17 How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God ! O how great is the sum of them !

18 If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand : when I awake up, I am present with thee.

19 Wilt thou not slay the wicked, O God ? depart from me ye blood-thirsty men.

20 For they speak unrighteously against thee : and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee ? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee ?

22 Yea, I hate them right sore, even as though they were mine enemies.

23 Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart : prove me and examine my thoughts.

24 Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me : and lead me in the way everlasting.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our God, who art infinite in wisdom, and present in all places, filling heaven and earth and hell with the effects of thy mighty power, and communications of thy glorious essence; let thy hand lead us, and thy right hand hold us in all our ways, always considering that thou art present, understanding our thoughts and words even long before they are, and seeing our most secret ways as clearly as in the sight of the Sun: print thy fear mightily upon our souls, that we may be as fearful of committing sins in secret, as in the eyes of all the world: that we hating all iniquity, and loving thy counsels as our dearest treasures and guide, may, by the paths of a holy life, be conducted into the way everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

P S A L M CXL.

A Prayer for deliverance from the mischief of all wicked persons.

Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil man: and preserve me from the wicked man:

2 Which imagine mischief in their hearts, and stir up strife all the day long.

3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent: adders poison is under their lips.

4 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the ungodly: preserve me from the wicked men, which are purposed to overthrow my goings.

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5 The proud have lain a snare for me, and spread a net abroad with cords; yea, and set traps in my way.

6 I said unto the Lord, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my prayers, O Lord.

7 O Lord God, thou strength of my health, thou hast covered my head in the day of battel.

8 Let not the ungodly have his desire, O Lord: let not his mischievous imaginations prosper, lest they be too proud.

9 Let the mischief of their own lips fall upon the head of them that compass me about.

10 Let hot burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire and into the pit, that they never rise up again.

11 A man full of words shall not prosper upon the earth: evil shall hunt the wicked person to overthrow him.

12 Sure I am that the Lord will avenge the poor, and maintain the cause of the helpless.

13 The righteous also shall give thanks unto thy name: and the just shall continue in thy sight.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, thou strength of our health, thou that avengest the poor, and maintainest the cause of the helpless, deliver us, O Lord, and preserve us from the evil and wicked man, that neither his example may corrupt us, nor his counsels mislead us, nor his prosperity scandalize us, nor his strife disquiet us, nor his mischief disturb our safety: but do thou cover our heads in the day of battel and contestation against all our bodily and ghostly enemies; that although they hunt us to overthrow us, yet we may prosper upon earth under thy favour and protection, and at last being

ing removed from all fears, and sadness and dangers, may continue in thy sight amongst the congregation of the just for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM CXLI.

A Prayer for the vertue of Religion, for holiness of life, and for deliverance from the snares of our enemies.

Lord, I call upon thee, haste thee unto me; and consider my voice when I cry unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch (O Lord) before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips.

4 O let not mine heart be enclined to any evil thing: let me not be occupied in ungodly works with the men that work wickedness, lest I eat of such things as please them.

5 Let the righteous rather smite me friendly and reprove me.

6 But let not their precious balms break mine head: yea, I will pray yet against their wickedness.

7 Let their Judges be overthrown in stony places: that they may hear my words, for they are sweet.

8 Our bones lie scattered before the pit; like as when one breaketh and heweth wood upon the earth.

9 But mine eyes look unto thee, O Lord God: in thee is my trust: O cast not out my soul.

10 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me, and from the traps of the wicked doers.

11 Let the ungodly fall into their own nets together: and let me ever escape them.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our trust and confidence, haste thee unto us, and consider our voice when we call upon thee in our trouble and necessity; let our prayers ascend up unto thee as incense, and be as the savour of the evening and morning sacrifice. We beg of thee nothing but grace and power to fulfil thy will: let not our hearts be enclined to any evil. Set a watch, O Lord, before our mouths, and keep the door of our lips: let us not be busied in ungodly works, that we may never offend in our thoughts, or words, or actions; and when we do amiss, do thou smite us friendly, and reprove us with the checks of a tender conscience, that thy fatherly correction may, like precious balm, cure all the wounds made by our own infirmities; that we escaping all the snares of wickedness, may for ever hear and obey thy sweet words, and our souls may never be cast out of thy presence, but for ever may rejoice in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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PSALM CXLII.

A Prayer in all sadness, and in the hour of death.

I Cried unto the Lord with my voice : yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.

2 I poured out my complaints before him, and shewed him of my trouble.

3 When my spirit was in heaviness, thou knewest my path : in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

4 I looked also upon my right hand, and saw there was no man that would know me.

5 I had no place to flee unto : and no man cared for my soul.

6 I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said, Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.

7 Consider my complaint : for I am brought very low.

8 O deliver me from my persecutors : for they are too strong for me.

9 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy name : which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, thou art our hope, and our portion in the land of the living ; consider our complaint and misery : thou art our place to flee unto, thou only art our sanctuary. O hide us under the covert of thy wings, keep us from all the dangers which multiply upon us when our spirits are in heaviness, and our
bodies

bodies pressed with infirmities : be thou always at our right hand, and assist us so with the strength of thy grace, that our temptations and our enemies not being above our strength derived from thee, our souls may with confidence go out of prison, and give eternal thanks unto thy Name in the companies of the Righteous, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

P S A L M CXLIII.

A Prayer that God would pardon our sins, and direct us in the way of righteousness.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire : hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness sake.

2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant : for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul, he hath smitten my life down to the ground : he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me, and my heart within me is desolate.

5 Yet do I remember the time past, I muse upon all thy works : yea, I exercise my self in the works of thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee : my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

7 Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint : hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 O let me hear thy loving kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust : shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : for I flee unto thee to hide me.

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10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God : let thy loving spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

11 Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Names sake : and for thy righteousness sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of thy goodness slay mine enemies, and destroy all them that vex my soul ; for I am thy servant.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our Judge and our Redeemer, hearken unto us for thy truth and righteousness sake ; deliver us from the guilt of all our sins, and those great punishments which are due to us for the same. Enter not into judgment with us, for in thy sight no man can be justified by any worthiness of his own. Endue our souls with the righteousness of a holy faith, living and working by charity. Shew us the way that we should walk in ; teach us to do whatsoever pleaseth thee ; quicken our souls in the paths of life ; and so continue the conduct of thy Spirit to us, that it may never leave us till we be brought forth of this world into the land of righteousness, to dwell with thee eternally, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Morning Prayer.

PSALM CXLIV.

A Thanksgiving for Victory, and a Prayer for the blessings of Peace.

Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.
 2 My hope and my fortress, my castle and deliverer, my defender, in whom I trust; which subdueth my people that is under me.

3 Lord, what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him; or the son of man that thou so regardest him?

4 Man is like a thing of nought: his time passeth away like a shadow.

5 Bow the heavens, O Lord, and come down: touch the mountains and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth thy lightnings, and tear them: shoot out thine arrows and consume them.

7 Send down thy hand from above: deliver me and take me out of the great waters, from the hand of strange children;

8 Whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of wickedness.

9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God, and sing praises unto thee upon a ten-stringed lute.

10 Thou hast given victory unto Kings, and hast delivered David thy servant from the peril of the sword.

11 Save me and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity.

12 That our sons may grow up as the young plants,
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and that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the temple.

13 That our garner may be full and plenteous with all manner of store : that our sheep may bring forth thousands, and ten thousands in our streets.

14 That our oxen may be strong to labour ; and there be no decay, no leading into captivity, and no complaining in our streets.

15 Happy are the people that be in such a case : yea, blessed are the people which have the Lord for their God.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our strength, our hope and fortress, our castle and deliverer, our defender in whom we trust ; bow the heavens, O Lord, come down and save us, send down thine hand from above, deliver us, and take us from the great waters, from those miseries and afflictions which come upon us by reason of our sins, and from the condition of mortality, and from the hand of strange children, whose right hand is a right hand of wickedness. Give us, O Lord, victory and peace, and all the blessings of thy peace, with which thou usest to adorn and beautifie the dwellings of the righteous, that we may be happy in the continual descent of thy favours ; but above all, our happiness may consist in being thy people, and thou being our God, that we may be blessed for ever in so blessed a relation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PSALM CXLV.

*A Meditation of the Glory and Majesty of God,
and the mightiness of his Kingdom.*

I Will magnifie thee, O God, my King : and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee, and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised : there is no end of his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another, and declare thy power.

5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works.

6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts : and I will also tell of thy greatness.

7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed : and men shall sing of thy righteousness,

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 The Lord is loving unto every man : and his mercy is over all his works.

10 All thy works praise thee, O Lord : and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

11 They shew the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power.

12 That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom might be known unto men.

13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom : and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

14 The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, and liftech up all those that be down.

15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord : and thou givest them their meat in due season.

16 Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him : yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.

19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will help them.

20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him : but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

The PRAYER.

O God our King, thou art marvellous worthy to be praised, and there is no end of thy greatness : give us enlarged and sanctified hearts and lips, that we may sing of thy righteousness, and magnifie thy glory, thy worship and wondrous works. All thy works praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints give thanks unto thee. Make us holy and righteous in thy sight ; we are already the works of thine hands, and then we have a double title to praise thee : Uphold us, O Lord, that we fall not, and lift us up when we are down. Give us meat in due season for our souls and for our bodies ; that we being filled with the plenteousness of thy mercies here, may have our best, and all our desires fulfilled and satisfied hereafter amongst such as fear thee, and give thanks unto thy holy Name for ever. Grant this for Jesus Christ his sake ; to whom with thee, O Father, and the holy Spirit, be all honour and glory now and for ever. *Amen.*

PSALM CXLVI.

*A Prayer that we may trust in God only, and
not in an arm of flesh.*

PRaise the Lord, O my soul : while I live will I praise
the Lord ; yea, as long as I have any being, I will
sing praises unto my God.

2 O put not your trust in Princes, nor in any child of
man : for there is no help in them.

3 For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall
turn again to his earth : and then all his thoughts perish.

4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
and whose hope is in the Lord his God.

5 Which made heaven and earth, the sea and all that
therein is ; which keepeth his promise for ever.

6 Which helpeth them to right that suffer wrong ;
which feedeth the hungry.

7 The Lord looseth men out of prison : the Lord gi-
veth sight to the blind.

8 The Lord helpeth them that are fallen : the Lord
careth for the righteous.

9 The Lord careth for the strangers ; he defendeth
the fatherless and widow : as for the way of the ungodly,
he turneth it upside down.

10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for ever-
more, and throughout all generations.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, who reignest a King for ever-
more, give us grace that we may make
thee our help, and fix our hopes in thee, for
thou only art able to give deliverance. Feed
our souls, O Lord, and satisfie us with thy sal-
vation when we hunger and thirst after righ-
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wrong, heal our backslidings, raise us when we are fallen, enlighten the eyes of our souls that we walk not in darkness and the shadow of death, and do thou take care for us in all our ways and in all our necessities : that when our breath goeth forth, and we turn again to our earth, we may reign with thee in Sion, thy celestial habitation, for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Evening Prayer.

PSALM CXLVII.

A Celebration of God's wisdom and providence in the ministration of the things of this world, and of his goodness towards them that fear him.

O Praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God ; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

2 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, and gather together the out-casts of Israel.

3 He healeth those that are broken in heart, and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

4 He telleth the number of the stars, and calleth them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and great is his power : yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

6 The Lord setteth up the meek ; and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

7 O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving ; sing praises upon the harp unto our God.

8 Which covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepar-
eth

reth rain for the earth; and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of man:

9 Which giveth fodder unto the cattel, and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

10 He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse: neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

11 But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him and put their trust in his mercy.

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion.

13 For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates, and hath blessed thy children within thee.

14 He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: and his word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool, and scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who is able to abide his frost?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he bloweth with the wind, and the waters flow.

19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob; his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: neither have the heathen knowledge of his law.

The PRAYER.

O Lord God, whose power is great, and thy wisdom infinite, give us broken and contrite hearts, meek spirits, a fear of thy Name, and a trust in thy mercy; that thou maist arise upon us with healing in thy wings, giving us medicine to heal all our ghostly sicknesses, and thy delight may be in us, delighting to do us good, to feed us when we call up-

on thee, to set us above our enemies, to give us knowledge of thy Laws, to build up Jerusalem, and to repair the breaches of thy Church, that we may sing praises unto thee, O God, and be thankful to all eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

P S A L M CXLVIII.

An invitation of all the creatures in the world to praise God.

O Praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.
 2 Praise him all ye Angels of his : praise him all his host.

3 Praise him sun and moon : praise him all ye stars and light.

4 Praise him all ye heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made ; he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

7 Praise the Lord upon earth, ye dragons and all deeps.

8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours, wind and storm fulfilling his word.

9 Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars ;

10 Beasts and all cattel, worms and feathered fowls :

11 Kings of the earth and all people, Princes and all Judges of the world.

12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the name of the Lord : for his name only is excellent, and his praise is above heaven and earth.

13 He shall exalt the horn of his people : all his saints shall praise him ; even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

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O Lord God, whose Name only is excellent, and thy praise above heaven and earth; we adore and bless thy mercy and thy power for creating us after thine own image: thou spakest the word, and we were made; thou commandedst and we were created. And as thou hast established thy Creation with a Law for ever, that all should minister to thy praises in their several proportions; so give us grace that the laws of sanctity, of faith and obedience, which thou hast given to us, may never be broken; that we serving thee not only in the order of thy creatures, but in the capacity of thy children, may sing thy praises amongst the Angels and the numerous Host of Saints reigning in thy Kingdom for ever and ever. *Amen.*

P S A L M CXLIX.

A Meditation on the joys of Heaven prepared for the Saints.

O Sing unto the Lord a new song: let the congregation of saints praise him.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him; and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his name in a dance: let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.

4 For the Lord hath pleasure in his people, and helpeth the meek-hearted.

5 Let the saints be joyful with glory: let them rejoice in their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth, and a two edged sword in their hands.

7 To be avenged of the heathen, and to rebuke the people.

8 To bind their Kings in chains, and their nobles with links of iron.

9 That they may be avenged of them ; as it is written, Such honour have all his saints.

The PRAYER.

O Lord our King, in whose honour and salvation all thy Saints rejoice, give unto thy holy Gospel a free passage in all the world, that Kings and Nobles may be bound with the chains of obedience, discipline, and subordination to all thy holy Laws : and grant to us thy servants, that thy Laws may be so fixed in our hearts, and thy praises in our mouths, and righteousness in all our actions, that we may be written among the righteous, and have our portion with the Saints, who rejoice in their beds of eternal rest, and are joyful in the glories of thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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An invitation to praise God with all our faculties and powers.

O Praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.

4 Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.

5 Praise him upon the well tuned cymbals: praise him on the loud cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.

The PRAYER.

O Eternal God, thy holiness and power and excellent greatness are far above all the praises of men and Angels, and yet thou art pleased in the harmony and consent of a thankful Heart and a thanksgiving Tongue: touch our hearts with admirable apprehensions of thy Divine perfections, that our songs of thy honour may be devout and illuminate to the height of ecstasies, and the devotions of a Seraphim; for nothing is proportionable to thy glories, but what is infinitely beyond our infirmities. Make us to sing Thee and thy Name while we have breath; and when we are breathless, let our hearts fill up the harmony, and think thy praises so cordially, till our souls being separated from the harsh sound
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of our bodily organs, we may praise thee when we are all spirit in the state of separation, and in the re-union, when our bodies shall be made spiritual, singing to thee exalted praises for ever and ever. To thee, O blessed and glorious God, be praises and honour and glory ascribed now and to all eternity. *Amen. Amen.*



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*A Prayer against wandring thoughts, to be
said at the beginning of our Devotions.*

ALmighty God, who hast commanded us to pray unto thee without ceasing, and hast added many glorious promises for our encouragement, let thy holy Spirit teach me how to pray : give me just apprehensions of my want, zeal of thy glory, great resentment of thy mercies, love of all spiritual employments that are pleasing unto thee : and do thou help mine infirmities, that the Devil may not abuse my fancy with illusions, nor distract my mind with cares, nor alienate my thoughts with impertinencies ; but give me a present mind, great devotion, a heart fixed upon thy divine beauties, and an actual intention and perseverance in my prayers, that I may glorifie thy Name, do unto thee true and laudable service, and obtain relief for all my necessities.

fities. Hear me, O King of Heaven, when I call upon thee, for thou hast promised mercy to them that pray in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Penitential Prayers, and a Form of Confession of sins to God, to be said upon days of publick or private humiliation.

O Lord God of mercy and pardon, give me a just remembrance and sad apprehensions of my sins ; teach me to bewail them with as great an indignation and bitterness, as I have committed them with complacency and delight. Let my prayers and my confession come into thy presence, and obtain a mercy for me and a pardon. Let not thy justice and severity so remember my sins, as to forget thine own mercy : and though I have committed that for which I deserve to be condemned, yet thou canst not lose that glorious attribute, whence flows comfort to us and hopes of being saved. Spare me therefore, O merciful God ; for, to give pardon to a sinner that confesseth his sins, and begs remission, is not impossible to thy power, nor disproportionate to thy justice, nor unusual to thy mercy and sweetest clemency. Blessed Jesu, acknowledge in me whatsoever is thine, and cleanse me from whatsoever is amiss. Have pity on me now in the time of mercy, and condemn me not when thou



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thou comest to judgment : for what profit is there in my blood ? Thou delightest not in the death of a sinner, but in his conversion there is joy in Heaven ; and when thou hast delivered me from my sins, and saved my soul, I shall praise and magnifie thy Name to all eternity. Mercy, sweet Jesu, Mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

I am not worthy, O Lord, to look up to Heaven, which is the Throne of thy purity ; for my sins are more in number than the hairs upon my head, and my heart hath failed me.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have not lived according to thy will, but in the vanity of mine own thoughts, in idle, sinful and impertinent language, in foolish actions, in blindness of heart, in contempt of thy holy Word and Commandments ; I have not loved thee my God with all my heart, nor feared thee with all my soul, nor served thee with all my might, according to thy holy precept, nor loved my neighbour as my self.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have been unthankful to thy Divine Majesty, forgetting that thou madest me and preservest me ; to thy Son my blessed Saviour, forgetting

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forgetting the bitter pains he suffered for me ; and to the Holy Ghost, forgetting how many gracious influences I have received from him for my help, comfort, and promotion in the ways of holy Religion : but have rebelled against thee my Maker, have sold my self to work wickedness, from whence by the passion of thy holy Son I was redeemed, and have resisted the Holy Ghost.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have offended thee my God in an inordinate estimation of my self, in vain compliments, and desires to be esteemed as much or more than others ; in not suffering with meekness, indifference, and obedience, the humiliations sent to me by thy divine providence ; in haughty deportment toward my superiors, equals, and inferiors ; and in accepting such honours as have been done to me, without returning them to thee the Fountain.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have offended thee my God in impatience, in anger, intemperate in degree, inordinate in the object, growing peevish and disquieted by trifling inadvertencies of others, and slight accidents about me.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have offended thee my God by being envious at the prosperous successes and advantages

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tages of my neighbours, and have had resentments of joy at their displeasures and sadnesse.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have been negligent in performance of my charge, idle in doing my duties, soft and effeminate in my life, indevout in my prayers, slothful in the exercises of Religion, weary of their length, displeased at their return, without advertency in the execution of them, and glad at an occasion of their pretermission.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have been diligent and curious in pleasing my appetite of meat and drink and pleasures, losing my time, pampering my flesh, quenching the Spirit, making matter both for sin and sicknesses, and have not been sedulous in mortifying my body for the subduing mine own intemperances and inordination.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have been an unprovident steward of the good things thou hast given me ; I have loved them inordinately, sought them greedily and unjustly, dispensed them idly, and parted with them unwillingly : I have not been so charitable to the poor, or so pitiful to the afflicted, or so compassionate to the sick, or so apt to succour and give supply to the miseries of my neighbours as I ought, but have
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too much minded things below ; not setting mine affections upon Heaven and heavenly things, but have been unlike thee in all things ; I have been unmerciful and unjust.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

Mine eyes, O Lord, have wandred after vanity, beholding and looking after things unseemly without displeasure, despising my neighbours, prying into their faults ; but have been blind, not seeing mine own sins and infinite irregularities.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have not with care kept the door of my lips, nor bridled my tongue, but have been excessive in talking, immoderate in dissolute and wanton laughter, apt to lie, to deny truth, to accuse others, to scoff at them, to aggravate their faults, to lessen their worth, to give rash judgment, to flatter for advantage, to speak of thy Name irreverently and without religious or grave occasions ; our discourses have been allayed with slander and backbiting, not apt to edifie, or minister grace unto the hearers.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

Mine ears have been greedy after vanity, listening after things unprofitable, or that might tend to the prejudice of my neighbours, and have not with holy appetite listened after thy holy words and conveyances of salvation.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

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I have offended thee by the entertainment of evil thoughts, thoughts of uncleanness and impurity, and have not resisted their first beginnings, but have given consent to them explicitly and implicitly, and have brought them up till they have grown into idle words and actions.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have made my self guilty of the sins of others by consent, by approving, by not reproving, by co-operating, by encouraging their ill actions, so making mine own heap greater by pulling their deformities upon mine own head.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have employed all my members and faculties both of soul and body in the ways of unrighteousness; I have transgressed my duty in all my relations, and in all my actions and traverses of my whole life: even where I might have had most confidence, I find nothing but weakness and imperfections.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have broken my vows and purposes of obedience and holy life; I have been inconstant to all good, refractory to counsels, disobedient to commands, stubborn against admonition, churlish and ungentle in my behaviour, mindful and revengeful of injuries, forgetful of benefits, seeking my own ends, deceiving my own soul.

Lord,

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Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.

My secret sins, O Lord, are innumerable: sins secret to my self through inadvertency, forgetfulness, wilful ignorance, or stupid negligence; secret to the world, committed before thee only, and under the witness of mine own conscience. I am confounded with the multitude of them, and the horreur of their remembrance.

O Jesu God, be merciful unto me.

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SON of *David*, Blessed Redeemer, Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me; O Jesu, be a Jesus unto me: That thou sparedst thy servant *Peter* that denied thee thrice; thou that didst cast seven Devils out of *Mary Magdalen*, and forgavest the Woman taken in adultery, and didst bear the convert Thief from the Cross to the joys of Paradise, have mercy upon me also: for although I have amassed together more sins than all these in conjunction, yet not their sins, nor mine, nor the sins of all the world can equal thy glorious mercy, which is as infinite and eternal as thy self. I acknowledge, O Lord, that I am vile, but yet redeemed with thy precious blood; I am blind, but thou art the light of the world; I am weak, but thou art my strong Rock; I have been
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dead in trespasses and sins, but thou art my resurrection and my life. Thou, O Lord, lovest to shew mercy, and the expressions of thy mercy the nearer they come to infinite, the more proportionable they are to thy essence, and like thy self. Behold then, O Lord, a fit object for thy pity: my sins are so great and many, that to forgive me will be an act of glorious mercy; and all the praises which did accrue to thy Name by the forgiveness of *David*, and *Manasses*, and *Saint Paul*, and the Adulterers, and the Thief, and the Publican, will be multiplied to thy honour in the forgiveness of me so vile, so unworthy a wretch, that I have nothing to say for my self, but that the greatness of my misery is a fit object for thy miraculous and infinite mercy. Despise me not, O Lord, for I am thy creature: despise me not, for thou didst die for me; cast me not away in thine anger, for thou camest to seek me, and to save me. Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation; let thy holy Spirit lead me from the errors of my ways, into the paths of righteousness, to great degrees of repentance, and through all the parts of a holy life, to a godly and a holy death. Grant this, O blessed Jesu, for thy mercies and for thy pity sake. *Amen.*

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O Lord God, blessed Jesu, eternal Judge of quick and dead, I tremble with horror at the apprehension, when I call to mind with
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what terrours and Majesty thou shalt appear in judgment ; a fire shall go out from thy presence, and a tempest shall be stirred up round about thee, such a tempest as shall rend the rocks, level the mountains, shake the earth, disorder and dissolve the whole Fabrick of the Heavens; and where then shall I, vile sinner, appear, when the Heavens are not pure in thy sight? Lord, I tremble when I remember that sad truth, *if the righteous scarcely be saved, where then shall the wicked and the ungodly appear?* I know, O Lord, that all my secret impurities shall be laid open before all the Nations of the world, before all the orders and degrees of Angels, in the presence of innumerable millions of beatified spirits. There shall I see many that have taught me innocence and sanctity, many that have given me pious example, many that have died for thee, and suffered tortures rather than they would offend thee. O just and dear God, where shall I appear? who shall plead for me that am so loaden with impurities, with vanity, with ingratitude, with malice, and the terrors of an affrighting conscience? Lord, what shall I do, who am streightned by my own covetousness, accused by my own pride, consumed with envy, set on fire by lust, made dull with gluttony, and stupid by drunkenness, supplanted by ambition, rent asunder with faction and discord, made dissolute with lightness and inconstancy, deceived with hypocrisie, abused with flattery, fooled with presumption,

sumption, disturb'd with anger, and disorder'd by a whole body of sin and death? But thou shalt answer for me, O Lord, my God; thou art my Judge and my Advocate, and thou art to pass sentence upon me for those sins for which thou diedst. O reserve not my sins to be punished in the life to come, for then I die eternally; but bring me in this world to a holy, a sharp and salutary repentance. Behold, I am in thy hands; grant I may so weep and be contrite for my sins, that in the hour of my death I may find mercy, and in the Day of Judgment I may be freed from all the terrors of thy wrath, and the sentence of the wicked, and may behold thy face with joy and security, being set at thy right hand, with all thy Saints and Angels, to sing an eternal Hallelujah to the honour of thy mercies. *Amen, sweet Jesu. Amen.*

III.

MOST merciful and indulgent Jesus, hear the complaint of a sad and miserable sinner; for I have searched into the secret recesses of my soul, and there I find nothing but horror, and a barren wilderness, a neglected conscience over-grown with sins and cares, and beset with fears and sore amazements. I find that I have not observed due reverence towards my superiours, nor modesty in my discourse, nor discipline in my manners, I have been obstinate in my vain purposes, cozen'd in my own semblances of humility, pertinacious in hatred, bitter in my jesting, impatient of subjection,

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ambitious of power, slow to good actions, apt to talk, ready to supplant my neighbours, full of jealousies and suspicion, scornful and censorious, burdensome to my friends, ingrateful to my benefactors, imperious to my inferiours, boasting to have said what I said not, to have seen what I saw not, to have done what I did not, and have both said, and seen, and done what I ought not, provoking thy Divine Majesty with a continual course of sin and vanity. And yet, O Lord, thou hast spared me all this while, and hast not taken away my life in the midst of my sins; which is a mercy so admirable and of so vast a kindness, as no heart or tongue can think or speak. If thou hast dealt with me according as I had deserved, and might justly have expected, I had been now, now at this instant, sealed up to an eternity of torments, hopelessly miserable, fearing the revelation of thy day with an unsupportable amazement: and now under the sweet influences of thy mercies, I am praying to thee, confessing my sins, with shame indeed at my baseness and ingratitude, but with a full hope and confidence in thy mercy. O turn the eyes of thy divine clemency with a gracious aspect upon a wretched sinner, open the bowels of thy mercy, and receive me into favour. O my dear God, let thy grace speedily work that in me, for which thou so long hast spared me, and to which thou didst design me in thy holy purposes and mercies of eternity, even a true
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faith, and a holy life, conformable to thy will, and in order to eternal blessedness. I remember, O Lord, the many fatherly expressions and examples of thy mercies to repenting sinners, thy delight in our conversion, thy unwillingness to destroy us, thy earnest invitation of us to grace and life, thy displeasure at our danger and miseries, the infinite variety of means thou usest to bring us from the gates of death, and to make us happy to eternity. These mercies, O Lord, are so essential to thee, that thou canst not but be infinitely pleased in demonstrations of them. Remember not, O Lord, how we have despised thy mercies, slighted thy judgments, neglected thy Commandments; but now at length establish in us great contrition for our sins, lead us on to humble confession and dereliction of them, and let thy grace make us bring forth fruits meet for repentance, fruits of justice, of hope, of charity, of religion and devotion, that we may be what thou delightest in, holy, and just, and merciful, vessels prepared for honour, temples of the Holy Ghost, and instruments of thy praises to all eternity, O blessed Jesu, who livest and reignest ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesu Christ, Son of the eternal God, interpose thy holy Death, thy Cross and Passion between thy Judgment and my Soul, now and in the hour of my death, granting

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unto me grace and mercy, to all faithful people pardon and peace, to the Church unity and amity, and to all sinners repentance and amendment, to us all life and glory everlasting, who livest and reignest ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

A Form of Thanksgiving, with a particular enumeration of God's blessings.

MOst glorious Lord God, infinite in mercy, full of compassion, long-suffering and of great goodness, I adore, and praise, and glorifie thy holy Name, worshipping thee with the lowliest devotions of my soul and body, and give thee thanks for all the benefits thou hast done unto me; for, whatsoever I am, or have, or know, or desire as I ought, it is all from thee; thou art the Fountain of being and blessing, of sanctity and pardon, of life and glory.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

Thou, O God, of thine infinite goodness hast created me of nothing, and hast given me a degree of essence next to Angels, imprinting thine image on me, enduing me with reasonable faculties of will and understanding to know and chuse good, and to refuse evil,

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evil, and hast put me into a capacity of a blessed immortality.

O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnifie his holy Name together.

Thou, O God, of thy great mercy hast given me a comely body, a good understanding, straight limbs, a ready and unloosed tongue; whereas with justice thou mightest have made me crooked and deformed, sottish and slow of apprehension, imperfect and impedit in all my faculties.

O give thanks unto the God of Heaven; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Thou, O God, of thy glorious mercies hast caused me to be born of Christian Parents, and didst not suffer me to be strangled in the womb, but gavest me opportunity of holy Baptism, and hast ever since blessed me with education in Christian Religion.

Thy way, O God, is holy : who is so great a God as our God ?

Thou, O God, out of thine abundant kindness, hast made admirable variety of creatures to minister to my use, to serve my necessity, to preserve and restore my health, to be an ornament to my body, to be representations of thy power and of thy mercy.

Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows : unto thee will I give thanks.

Thou, O God, of thine admirable and glorious mercy, hast made thine Angels ministering spirits for my protection and defence against all the hostilities of the Devil; thou hast set a hedge about me, and such a guard as all the power of hell and earth cannot overcome; thou hast preserved me by thy holy providence and the ministry of Angels, from drowning, from burning, from precipice, from deformities, from fracture of bones, and all the snares of evil, and the great violations of health, which many of my betters suffer.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing praises unto thee.

Thou, O most merciful God, hast fed me and clothed me, hast raised me up friends and blessed them, hast preserved me in dangers, hast rescued me from the fury of the sword, from the rage of pestilence, from perishing in publick distemperatures and diseases epidemical, from terrours and affrightments of the night, from illusions of the Devil and sad apparitions; thou hast been my guide in my journies, my refreshment in sadnesses, my hope and my confidence in all my griefs and desolations.

O give thanks unto the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

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But above all mercies, it was not less than infinite, whereby thou lovedst us and all Mankind when we were lost and dead, and rebels against thy Divine Majesty; thou gavest thine own begotten Son to seek us when we went astray, to restore us to life when we were dead in trespasses and sins, and to reconcile us to thy self by the mercies and the atonement of an everlasting covenant.

He is our God, even the God of whom cometh salvation : God is the Lord by whom we escape death.

O most blessed Jesu, I praise and adore thine infinite mercies, humility and condescension, that for my sake thou wouldst descend from the bosome of thy heavenly Father into the pure womb of an humble Maid, and take on thee my nature, and be born, and cry, and suffer cold, and all the incommodities which the meanness of a stable could minister to the tenderness of thy infancy.

Lord, what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man, that thou so regardest him?

I adore thee, blessed Jesu, and praise thee for thine immaculate Sanctity, for all thy holy precepts and counsels, for thy Divine example, for thy miracles and mysterious revelations of thy Fathers will, for the institution of the holy Sacraments, and all other blessings of thy prophetical Office.

*O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious :
sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.*

I adore and love thee, most blessed Jesu, for all the parts of thy most bitter Passion, for thy being betrayed and accused, buffeted and spit upon, blindfolded and mocked, crowned with thorns and scourged, for thine agony and bloody sweat, for thy bearing the sad load of the Cross, and sadder load of our sins, for thy crucifixion three long hours, when the weight of thy Body was supported with wounds and nails, for thy Death and Burial, for thy continual intercession and advocacy with thy heavenly Father in behalf of me and all thy holy Church, and all other acts of mediation and redemption, the blessings of thy Priestly Office.

*O praise the Lord for his goodness : and declare
the wonders he hath done for the children of men.*

I adore and magnifie thy holy Name, O most blessed Jesu, for thy triumph over death, hell, sin, and the grave, for thy opening the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers, for thy glorious resurrection and ascension, for thy government over all the creatures, for the advancement of thy holy Kingdom, for thy continual resisting and defeating the intendments of thy enemies against thy Church, by the strength of thine arm, by the mightiness of thy power, by the glories of thy wisdom ; for
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those blessed promises thou hast made and performest to thy Church of sending the Holy Ghost, of giving her perpetuity, of being in defiance of all the gates and powers of Hell and darkness, and blessing her with continual assistances, and all other glories of thy Regal Office and Power.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.

O most holy Spirit, Love of the Father, fountain of grace, spring of all spiritual blessings, I adore and praise thy divine excellencies which are essential to thy glorious Self in the Unity of thy most mysterious Trinity, and which thou communicatest to all faithful people, and to me thy unworthy servant in the unity of the Catholick Church.

O magnifie the Lord our God, and fall down before his footstool; for he is holy.

O blessed Spirit, I praise and magnifie thy Name for thy miraculous descent upon the Apostles in Pentecost in mysterious representations, for those great graces and assistances coming upon their heads, and falling down upon us all in the descent of all ages of the Church, for confirmation of our Faith, for propagation of the Gospel, for edification and ornament of thy Family.

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Thou, O God, shalt endure for ever, and thy remembrance throughout all generations.

O most glorious Spirit, I praise and magnifie thy Name for the inspiration of the Apostles and Prophets, for thy providence and mercy in causing holy Scriptures to be written, and preserving them from the corruptions of Hereticks, from the violences of Pagans and enemies of the Cross of Christ.

I will always give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I bless thy Name for those holy promises and threatnings, those judgments and mercies, those holy precepts and admonitions which thou hast registred in Scriptures, and in the records and monuments of the Church, for all those graces, helps and comforts whereby thou promotest me in piety and in the ways of true Religion, for baptismal and penitential grace, for the opportunities and sweet refreshings of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, for all the advantages thou hast given me of good society, tutors and governours, for the fears thou hast produced in me as deleteries and impediments of sin, for all my hopes of pardon and expectation of the promises made by our Lord Jesus Christ to encourage me in the paths of life and sanctity, for all the holy Sermons, spiritual books and lessons, for all the good prayers and meditations, for those
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bleſſed waitings and knockings at the door of my heart, patiently tarrying for, and lovingly inviting me to repentance, without ceaſing, admoniſhing and reprov- ing me with the checks of a tender conſcience, with exteriour and interiour motives, and for whatſoever other means or incentives of holineſs thou haſt aſſiſted me withal.

I magnifie, and praiſe and adore thee and thy goodneſs. All Nations whom thou haſt made and ſanctified, ſhall come and worſhip thee, O Lord, and ſhall glorifie thy Name; for thou art great and doſt wondrous things; thou art God alone, and great is thy mercy towards me: thou haſt delivered my ſoul from the nethermoſt Hell, therefore ſhall every good Man ſing of thy praiſe without ceaſing. O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever with Cherubims and Seraphims, and all the Companies of the heavenly Hoſt, ſaying, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabbath; holy is our God, holy is the immortal, holy is the Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, to whom be all honour and glory and dominion and power aſcribed of all ſpirits, and all men, and all creatures, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Prayers

I.

*Prayers preparatory to the receiving
of the blessed Sacrament.*

O Most immaculate and glorious Jesu, behold me miserable sinner drawing near to thee with the approaches of humility and earnest desire to be cleansed from my sins, to be united to thee by the nearest and most mysterious union of charity and Sacramental participation of thy most holy Body and Blood: I presume nothing of mine own worthiness, but I am most confident of thy mercies and infinite loving kindness. I know, O Lord, I am blind, and sick, and dead, and naked, but therefore I come the rather: I am sick, and thou art my Physician, thou arisest with healing in thy wings, by thy wounds I come to be cured, and to be healed by thy stripes: I am unclean, but thou art the Fountain of purity: I am blind, and thou art the great Eye of the world, the Sun of righteousness; in thy light I shall see light: I am poor, and thou art rich unto all, the Lord of all the creatures. I therefore humbly beg of thy mercy that thou wouldest be pleased to take from me all my sins, to cure my infirmities, to cleanse my filthiness, to lighten my darkness, to cloath my nakedness with the robe of thy righteousness, that I may
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with such reverence, and faith, and holy intention receive thy blessed Body and Blood in the mysterious Sacrament, that it may be unto me life, and pleasantness, and holy nourishment, and that I may be firmly and indissolubly united to thy mystical Body, and may at last see clearly and without a veil thy face in glory everlasting, who livest and reignest ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

II.

I Adore and bless thy glorious Majesty, O blessed Jesu, for this great dignation and vouchsafing to me, that thou art pleased for all the infinite multiplication of my sins, and innumerable violations of thy holy Law, still to give thy self unto me, to conveigh health, and grace, and life and hopes of glory in the most blessed Sacrament. I adore thee, O most righteous Redeemer, that thou art pleased under the visible signs of Bread and Wine, to convey unto our Souls thy holy Body and Blood, and all the benefits of thy bitter Passion. O my God, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but let thy holy Spirit with his purities prepare for thee a lodging in my soul. Thou hast knocked often, O blessed Jesu, at the door of my heart, and wouldst willingly have entred : behold, O Lord, my heart is ready to receive thee ; cast out of it all worldly desires, all lusts and carnal appetites, and then enter in, and there love to inhabit, that the Devil may never return to a place that is so swept and garnished,

nished, to fill me full of all iniquity. O thou lover of souls grant that this holy Sacrament may be a light unto mine eyes, a guide to my understanding, and joy to my soul; that by its strength I may subdue and mortifie the whole body of sin in me, and that it may produce in me constancy in faith, fulness of wisdom, perfection and accomplishment of all thy righteous Commandments, and such a blessed union with thee, that I may never more live unto my self or to the world, but to thee only; and by the refreshments of an holy hope I may be led through the paths of a good life and persevering piety to the communion and possession of thy Kingdom, O blessed Jesu, who livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

III.

O Lord God, who hast made all things of nought, producing great degrees of essence out of nothing, make me a new creature; and of a sinful man, make me holy and just, and merciful; that I may receive thy precious Body devoutly, reverently, with meekness, contrition and great affection, with spiritual comfort and gladness at thy mystical presence. Feed my soul with bread from Heaven, fill me with charity, conform me to thy will in all things, save me from all dangers bodily and ghostly: assist and guide me in all doubts and fears, prepare and strengthen me against all surreptions and sudden incursions of temptations, cleanse me from all stains of sin, and suffer nothing to abide

abide in me but thy Self only, who art the life of souls, the food of the Elect, and the joy of Angels. Give me such a gust and an holy relish in this Divine nutriment, that nothing may ever hereafter please me but what favours of thee and thy miraculous sweetness. Teach me to loath all the pleasures and beauties of this life ; and let my soul be so inebriated with the pleasures of thy Table, that I may be comprehended and swallowed up with thy love and sweetness : let me think on nothing but thee, covet nothing but thee, enjoy nothing but thee, nothing in comparison with thee, and neither do nor profess any thing but what leads to thee, and is in order to the performance of thy will and the fruition of thy glories. Transfix my soul, O blessed Jesu, with so great love of thee, so great devotion in receiving the holy Sacrament, that I may be transformed to the fellowship of thy sufferings, and admitted to a participation of all the benefits of thy Passion, and to a communion of thy graces and thy glories. I desire to be with thee : dissolve all the chains of my sin, and then come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Let my soul feed on thee greedily, for thou art the spring of light and life, the Fountain of wisdom and health, a torrent of divine pleasure and tranquility, the Author of peace and comfort. Enter into me, sweet Jesu, take thou possession of my soul, and be thou Lord over me and all my faculties, and preserve me with great mercy and tenderness,
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that no doubting or infidelity, no impenitence or remanent affection to a sin, no impurity or irreverence may make me unworthy and incapable of thy glorious approach. Let not my sins crucifie the Lord of life again. Let it not be said concerning me, The hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the Table : that this holy Communion may not be unto me an occasion of death, but a blessed peace-offering for my sins, and a gate of life and glory. Grant this, O blessed God, for his sake, who is both Sacrifice and Priest, the Master of the Feast and the Feast it self, even Jesus Christ, to whom with thee, O Father, and the holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer after the receiving the Consecrated Bread.

I Give thanks unto thee, Almighty and eternal God, that thou hast not rejected me from thy holy Table, but hast refreshed my soul with the salutary refection of the body of thy Son Jesus Christ. Lord, if I had lived innocently, and had kept all thy Commandments, I could have had no proportion of merit to so transcendent a mercy ; but since I have lived in all manner of sin, and multiplied provocations against thy Divine Majesty, thy mercy is so glorious and infinite, that I am amazed at the consideration of its immensity. Go on, O my

my dear God, to finish so blessed a redemption; and now that thou hast begun to celebrate a marriage, and holy union between thy self and my soul, let me never throw off the wedding garment, or stain it with pollution of deadly sin, nor seek after other lovers; but let me for ever and ever be united unto thee, being transformed into thy will in this life, and to the likeness of thy glories in the life to come, who livest and reignest ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

After receiving the Cup.

O Just and dear God, who out of the unmeasurable abysses of wisdom and mercy, hast redeemed us, and offered life, and grace, and salvation to us by the real exhibition of thy Son Jesus Christ in the sacrifice of his Death upon the Altar of the Cross, and by commemoration of his bitter Agonies in the holy Sacrament; grant that that great and venerable Sacrifice which we now commemorate sacramentally, may procure of thee for thy whole Church mercy and great assistance in all trials, deliverance from all heresies, schisms, sacrilege and persecutions; to all sick people health and salvation, redemption for captives, competency of living to the indigent and necessitous, comfort to the afflicted, relief to the oppressed, repentance to all sinners, softness of spirit, and a tender conscience to the obstinate, conversion to the Jews, Turks, and remedy to all that are in any trouble

trouble or adversity. And grant to us, O Lord, that this blessed Sacrament and sacrifice of commemoration, in virtue of that dreadful and proper Sacrifice upon the Cross, may obtain for me, and for us all who have communicated this day, pardon and peace; and that we may derive from thee by this ministry, grace to expel all our sins, to mortifie all our lusts, to exterminate all concupiscence, to crucifie all inordinacy and irregularity, to produce in us humility, and chastity, and obedience, and meekness of spirit, and charity, and may become our Defence and Armour against the violence and invasions of all our ghostly enemies and temporal disadvantages: and give us this grace and favour that we may not die in the guilt and commission of a sin without repentance, nor without receiving the blessed Sacrament; but that we may so live and die, that we may at last rest in thy bosom, and be embraced with the comprehensions of thy eternal charity, who livest and reignest ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

All blessing, and praise, and honour, be unto thee, O blessed Redeemer; and to thee we the banished and miserable sons of *Adam* do call for mercy and defence, to thee we sigh and cry in this valley of tears. O dearest Advocate, turn those thy merciful eyes towards us, and shew us thy glorious face in thy Kingdom, where no tears or sighing, or fears or sadnesses can approach. *Amen.* Sweetest Jesu. *Amen.*

Prayers

Prayers preparatory to Death.

I.

A Prayer for a blessed ending, to be said in time of health or sickness.

O Blessed Jesu, Fountain of eternal mercy, the Life of the Soul, and glorious Conqueror over death and sin, I humbly beseech thee to give me grace so to spend this transitory life in vertuous and holy exercises, that when the day of my death shall come, in the midst of all my pains I may feel the sweet refreshings of thy holy Spirit comforting my soul, sustaining mine infirmities, and relieving all my spiritual necessities: and grant that in the Unity of the holy Catholick Church, and in the integrity of Christian faith, with confidence and hope of thy mercy, in great love towards thee, in peace with my Neighbours and in charity with all the world, I may through thy grace depart hence out of this vale of misery, and go unto that glorious Country, where thou hast purchased an Inheritance for us with the price of thy most precious blood, and reignest in it gloriously in the Unity of thy Father and ours, of thy holy Spirit and our Ghostly Comforter, ever one God world without end.

Amen.

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II.

A Prayer to be said at the beginning of a Sickneſs.

O Lord my God, who chaſtiſeſt every one whom thou receiv'eſt, and with thy Fatherly correction ſmiteſt all thoſe whom thou conſigneſt to the inheritance of ſons, write my ſoul in the book of life, and number me amongſt thy children, whom thou haſt ſmitten with the rod of ſickneſs, and by thy chaſtiſements haſt brought me into the lot of the righteous. Thou, O bleſſed Jeſu, art a helper in the needful time of trouble; lay no more upon me than thou ſhalt enable me to bear, and let thy gentle correction in this life prevent the unſupportable ſtripes of thy vengeance in the life to come. Smite me now, that thou mayeſt ſpare me to all eternity: and yet, O bleſſed High Priest, who art touched with a ſenſe of our infirmities, ſmite me friendly, and reprove me with ſuch a tendereſs as thou beareſt unto thy children, to whom thou conveyeſt ſuppletory comforts, greater than the pains of chaſtiſement, and in due time reſtore me to health, and to thy ſolemn aſſemblies again, and to the joy of thy countenance. Give me patience and humility, and the grace of repentance and an abſolute dereliſtion of my ſelf, and a reſignation to thy pleaſure and providence, with a power to do thy will in all things, and then do what thou pleaſeſt to me; only in health or ſickneſs, in life or death, let me feel thy

thy comforts refreshing my soul, and let thy grace pardon all my sins. Grant this, O blessed Jesu, for my trust is in thee only ; thou art my God, and my merciful Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

III.

A Prayer to be said in the progress of a Sicknefs.

O Lord my God, Blessed Jesu, who by thy bitter death and passion hast sweetned the cup of death to us, taking away its bitterness and sting, and making it an entrance to life and glory; have pity upon me thy servant, who have so deep a share in sin, that I cannot shake off the terrours of death, but that my nature with its hereditary corruption still would preserve it self in a disunion from the joys of thy Kingdom. Lord, I acknowledge my own infirmities, and beg thy pity. It is better for me to be with thee : but the remembrance of my sins doth so depress my growing confidence, that I am in a great strait between my fears and hopes, between the infirmities of my nature, and the better desires of conforming to thy holy will and pleasure. O my dear Redeemer, wean my soul and all my desires from the flatteries of this world ; pardon all my sins, and consign so great a favour by the comforts and attestation of thy divinest Spirit, that my fears being mastered, my sins pardoned, my desires rectified, as the Hart thirsts after the springs of water, so my soul may long after thee, O God, and to enter

ter into thy Courts. Heavenly Father, if it may be for thy glory and my ghostly good, to have the days of my pilgrimage prolong'd, I beg of thee health and life ; but if it be not pleasing to thee to have this cup pass from me, thy will be done: my Saviour hath drunk off all the bitterness. Behold, O Lord, I am in thy hands, do with me as seemeth good in thine eyes. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff comfort me. I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest ; for it is thou, Lord, only who shalt make me to dwell in everlasting safety, and to partake of the joys of thy Kingdom, who livest and reignest eternal God world without end. *Amen.*

IV.

A Prayer for a sick person in danger of Death.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our health and life, our hope, and our resurrection from the dead, I resign my self up to thy holy will and pleasure, either to life, that I may live longer to thy service and my amendment; or to death, to the perpetual enjoyment of thy presence and of thy glories. Into thy hands I commend my spirit ; for I know, O Lord, that nothing can perish which is committed to thy mercies. I believe, O Lord, that I shall receive my body again at the resurrection of the just. I relinquish all care of that, only I beg of thee mercy
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for my soul ; strengthen it with thy grace against all temptations, let thy loving kindness defend it as with a shield against all the violencies and hostile assaults of Satan ; let the same mercy be my guard and defence, which protected thy Martyrs, crowning them with victory in the midst of flames, horrid torments, and most cruel deaths. There is no help in me, O Lord : I cannot by my own power give a minutes rest to my wearied body, but my trust is in thy sure mercies, and I call to mind, to my unspeakable comfort, that thou wert hungry, and thirsty, and wearied, and whipt, and crowned with Thorns, and mocked, and crucified for me. O let that mercy which made thee suffer so much, make thee do that for which thou sufferedst so much, pardon me, and save me. Let thy merits answer for my impieties, let thy righteousness cover my sins, thy blood wash away my stains, and thy comforts refresh my soul. As my body grows weak, let thy grace be stronger : let not my faith doubt, nor my hope tremble, nor my charity grow cold, nor my soul be affrighted with the terrours of death ; but let the light of thy countenance enlighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death eternal ; and when my tongue fails, let thy Spirit teach my heart to pray with strong cryings and groans that are unutterable. O let not the enemy do me any violence, but let thy holy mercies and thy Angels repel and defeat his malice and fraud ; that my soul may by thy strength triumph in the joys

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joys of eternity, in the fruition of thee, my life, my joy, my hope, my exceeding great reward, my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

V.

For a dying person, in or near the agonies of Death.

Most merciful and Blessed Saviour, have mercy upon the soul of this thy servant; remember not his ignorance, nor the sins of his youth, but according to thy great mercies, remember him in the mercies and glories of thy Kingdom. Thou, O Lord, hast opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all Believers; let the everlasting gates be opened, and receive his Soul; let the Angels, who rejoice at the conversion of a sinner, triumph and be exalted in his deliverance and salvation. Make him partaker of the benefits of thy holy Incarnation, life and sanctity, passion and death, resurrection and ascension, and of all the prayers of the Church, of the joy of the elect, and all the fruits of the blessed communion of Saints; and daily add to the number of thy beatified servants such as shall be saved, that thy coming may be hastned, and the expectation of the Saints may be fulfilled, and the glory of thee, our Lord Jesu, be advanced, all the whole Church singing praises to the Honour of thy Name, who livest and reignest ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

V I.

O Most merciful Jesu, who didst die to redeem us from death and damnation, have mercy upon this thy servant, whom thy hand hath visited with sickness: of thy goodness be pleased to forgive him all his sins, and seal his hopes of glory with the refreshments of thy holy Spirit. Lord, give him strength and confidence in thee, asswaging his pain, repel the assaults of his ghostly enemies by thy mercies and a guard of holy Angels : preserve him in the unity of the Church, keep his senses entire, his understanding right, give him great measure of contrition, true faith, a well-grounded hope, and abundant charity ; give him a quiet and a joyful departure, let thy ministring Spirits convey his soul to the mansions of peace and rest, there with certainty to expect a joyful resurrection to the fulness of joy at thy right hand, where there is pleasure for evermore. *Amen.*

V II.

A Prayer for the joys of Heaven.

O Most glorious Jesu, who art the portion and exceeding great reward of all faithful people, thou hast beautified humane Nature with glorious immortality, and hast carried the same above all Heavens, above the seat of Angels, beyond the Cherubims and Seraphims, placing it on the right hand of thy heavenly Father ; grant to us all the issues of thy abundant

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dant charity, that we may live in thy fear, and die in thy favour. Prepare our souls with heavenly vertue, for heavenly joys, making us righteous here, that we may be beatified hereafter. *Amen.*

A Morning Prayer.

In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

I.

O Eternal Son of righteousness, who camest from the bosom of thy Father, the Fountain of glorious light, to enlighten the darkneses of the world, I praise thy Name that thou hast preserved me from the dangers of this night, and hast continued to me still the opportunities of serving thee, and advancing my hopes of a blessed eternity. Let thy mercies shine brightly upon me, and dissipate the clouds and darkneses of my spirit and understanding, rectifie my affections, and purifie my will and all my actions; that whatsoever I shall do or suffer this day or in my whole life, my words and purposes, my thoughts and my intentions, may be sanctified, and be acceptable to thy divine Majesty. *Amen.*

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GRant that my understanding may know thee, my heart may love thee, and all my faculties and powers may give thee due obedience

ence and serve thee. Preserve me this day from all sin and danger, from all violences and snares of mine enemies, visible and invisible : let thy holy fear be as a bridle to my distemperatures, and thy love so enkindle and actuate all my endeavours, that no pleasures or allurements of the world may draw me from thy service, nor any difficulty or temptation may be my hindrance. Let the profound humility and innocence of my blessed Saviour keep from me all pride and haughtiness of mind, all self-love and vain-glory, all obstinacy and disobedience, all fraudulency and hurtful dissimulation ; and let the graces of the Holy Ghost take so absolute possession and seizure of my soul and all its faculties, that I may tread down and cast out the spirit of intemperance and uncleanness, of malice and envy, idleness and disdain, that I may never despise any of thy creatures but my self ; that so being little in my own sight, I may be great in thine. *Amen.*

III.

CLoath my soul with a Wedding-garment, the habits of supernatural Faith and Charity, that I may believe all thy holy promises and revelations without all wavering, and love thee my God with so great devotions and affections, that neither life nor death, prosperity nor adversity, temptations within nor without, may ever disunite me from the love of thee ; but that I may have the most intimate adhesion to

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thy glories and perfections of which my condition in this world is capable. Make me to chuse vertue with the same freeness of election, entertain it with as little reluctancy, keep it with as much complacency, actuate it with as many faculties, serve it with as much industry, as I have in time past my vices and pleasures of the world: and grant that all inordinate affection to the transitory things of this life may daily decay in me, and that I may grow in spirit and ghostly strength, till I come to a perfect man in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

IV.

GIve unto thy servant true humility, great contrition, a tender conscience and obedient heart, an understanding always busied in honest and pious thoughts, a will tractable and ever prone to do good, affections even and moderate, a watchful custody over my senses, that by those windows sin may never enter in, nor death by sin. Make me to watch over my tongue and keep the door of my lips, that no corrupt or unseemly communication proceed out of my mouth; that I may never slander, calumniate, or detract from the reputation of my neighbour; that I be not busie in the faults of others, but careful to correct mine own, being gentle and merciful to others, and severe towards my self; that I may speak much of thy praises, and what I can for the edification of my brethren. *Amen.*

V.

Give me understanding in thy Law, that I may know thy will; and grace and strength faithfully to fulfil the same. Give me a fear of thy Name, and of thy threatnings, and a love and hope of thy promise; let me daily feel thy mercies, and remove thy judgments far from me. Imprint in my heart a filial reverence and awfulness towards thy Divine Majesty, that I may study to please thee with diligence, to worship thee with much devotion, to submit to the disposition of thy providence with thankfulness; and that in conscience of my duty towards thee I may honour the King, obey Magistrates under him, love the Saints, and do all acts of charity according to my opportunity and ability; directing all my actions and intentions, not according to custom, or in pursuance of mine own ends and temporal advantages, but in thy fear and in holy religion, to the advancement of thy honour and glory. *Amen.*

VI.

Give me a soul watchful in the services of Religion, constant in holy purposes, ingenuous and free from sordid ends or servile flattery, a modest gravity in my deportment, affability and fair courteous demeanour towards all men, austerity in condemning my own sins, sweetness in fraternal correction and reprehending others, mature judgment, a chaste body and a clean soul, patience in suffering,

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deliberation in my words and actions, good counsels in all my purposes: make me just in performing promises, and in all my duties, sedulous in my calling, profitable to the Commonwealth, a true Son of the Church, and of a disposition meek and charitable towards all men. *Amen.*

VII.

LET this be my portion, and the comfort of my pilgrimage, so long as I am detained in the condition of mortality, and exiled from my heavenly Country; that being free from all fear of mine enemies and from vexations, fears and solitudes of this life, I may be wholly devoted to thy service, that I may attend thee only, and what tends to thee; that I may rejoice only in thee, and my soul may rest in thee; that without distractions I may entertain thy heavenly Doctrine, and the blessed motions of thy holy Spirit, spending my time in the duties of necessity, in the works of charity, and the frequent office of Religion, with diligence and patience, and perseverance, and hope, expecting the accomplishment of my days in peace; that when I go unto my dust, I may be reckoned amongst those blessed souls, whose work it is to give thee praise, and honour, and glory, to all eternity. *Amen.*

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

I.

O Lord God, who art the light and splendour of souls, in the brightness of thy countenance is eternal Day that knows no Night, in thy arms and in thy protection is all quietness, tranquillity and everlasting repose; while the darkness covers the face of the earth, receive my body and soul into thy custody; let not the spirits of darkness come near my dwelling, neither suffer my fancy to be abused with the illusions of the night. Lord, I am thy servant, and the sheep of thy pasture, let not the Devil, who goeth up and down seeking whom he may devour, abuse my body, or make a prey of my soul; but defend me from all those calamities which I have deserved, and protect my soul that it consent not to any work of darkness, lest mine enemy say, he hath prevailed over me, or do mischief to a soul redeemed with thy most precious Blood.
Amen.

II.

Pardon and forgive me all the sins and offences of my youth, the errours of mine understanding, the inordination of mine affections, the irregularity of all mine actions, and

particularly of whatsoever I have transgressed this day, in thought, word, or deed. Lord, let not thy wrath arise; for although I have deserved the extreamest pressure of thine indignation, yet remember my infirmity, and how thou hast sent thy Son to reveal thy infinite mercies to us, and convey pardon and salvation to the penitent. I beseech thee also to accept the heartiest devotion and humblest acknowledgment of a thankful heart for thy blessing and preservation of me this day; for unless thy Providence and Grace had been my Defence and Guide, I had committed more and more grievous sins, and had been swallowed up by thy just wrath and severest judgments. Mercy, sweet Jesu. *Amen.*

III.

LOrd, let thy grace be so present with me, that though my body sleep, yet my soul may for ever be watchful, that I sleep not in sin, or pretermitt any opportunity of doing thee service: let the remembrances of thy goodness and glories be first and last with me, and so unite my heart unto thee with habitual charity, that all my actions and sufferings may be directed to thy glory, and every motion and inclination, either of soul or body, may in some capacity or other receive a blessing from thee, and do thee service; that whether I sleep or wake, travel or rest, eat or drink, live or die, I may always feel the light of thy countenance shining so upon me, that my labours may be easie, my rest blessed,

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blesſed, my food ſanctified, and my whole life ſpent with ſo much ſanctity and peace, that eſcaping from the darkneſſes of this world, I may at laſt come to the land of everlaſting reſt, in thy light to behold light and glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Bleſſed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore.

Another Prayer for Evening.

I.

Viſit, we beſeech thee, O Lord, this habitation with thy mercy, and us thy ſervants with ſalvation, and repel far from us all the ſnares of the Enemy. Let thy holy Angels dwell here to keep us in peace and ſafety, and thy bleſſing be upon us for ever through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O Lord Jeſu Chriſt, the lively image of thy Father's mercies and glories, the Saviour of all them that put their truſt in thee; we offer and preſent to thee all our ſtrengths, and powers of our ſouls and bodies, and whatſoever we are or have, to be preſerved, governed, and poſſeſt by thee. Preſerve us from all vicious, vain, and proud cogitations, unchaſt affections, and from all thoſe things which thou hateſt. Grant us thy holy charity, that we may love thee above all the world, that we may

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with sincerity of intention and zealous affections seek thee alone, and in thee only take our rest, inseparably joining our selves unto thee, who art worthy to be beloved and adored of all thy creatures with lowest prostrations, and highest affection, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

III.

O Father of mercies, and God of all comforts, let thy blessing be upon us, and upon all the members of thy holy Church; all health and safety both of body and soul, against all our enemies, visible and invisible, now and for ever. Send us a quiet night, and a holy death in the actual communion of the Catholick Church, and in thy charity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c.

Now and in all dangers and afflictions of soul and body, in the hour of death, and in the day of Judgment, save us and deliver us, O sweet Saviour and Redeemer Jesu.

Collects

Collects to be added upon various Occasions.

I.

For the Church.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who hast revealed thy glory to *Jews and Gentiles* in our Lord Jesus Christ, extend thy hand of mercy over all the world, that thy Church may spread like a flourishing vine, and enlarge her borders to the uttermost parts of the earth; that all Nations partaking of the sweet refreshings of thy Gospel, thy Name may be glorified, the honour of our Lord Jesus advanced, his prophecies fulfilled, and his coming hastned. Bless, O Lord, thy holy Church with all blessings of comfort, assistance and preservation; extirpate heresies, unite her divisions, give her patience and perseverance in the faith, and confession of thy Name in despite of all enmities, temptations and disadvantages; destroy all wicked counsels intended against her or any of her children by the Devil or any of his accursed instruments; let the hands of thy grace and mercy lead her from this vale of misery to the triumphant Throne of her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

II.

For the King.

O Lord our heavenly Father, High and Mighty, King of kings, who in thy hands hast the hearts of Kings, and canst turn them as the rivers of water, send the light of thy countenance and abundance of blessings upon thy servant, our Sovereign Lord, K. *William*: make him as holy, valiant, and prosperous as King *David*, wise and rich like *Solomon*, zealous for the honour of thy Law and Temple as *Josiah*; and give him all sorts of great assistances to enable him to serve thee, to glorifie thy Name, to protect thy Church, to promote true Religion, to overcome all his enemies, to make glad all his liege people: that he serving thee with all diligence, and the utmost of his possibility, his people may serve him with honour and obedience, in thee and for thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

For the Queen.

O God of Heaven, Father of mercies, have mercy upon our most gracious Queen, unite her unto thee with the hands of faith and love, preserve her to her lives end in thy favour, and make her an instrument of glory to thy Name, of refreshment to the Church, of joy to all faithful people of this Kingdom, and crown her with an eternal weight of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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For the Bishops.

O Thou great Shepherd and Bishop of our Souls, most glorious Jesu, bless all holy and religious Prelates, especially the Bishops of our Church. O God, let abundance of thy grace and benediction descend upon their heads, that by a holy life, by a true and Catholick belief, by a confident confession of thy Name, and by a fatherly care, great sedulity and watchfulness over their flock, they may glorifie thee our God, the great lover of Souls, and set forward the salvation of their people, and of others by their example; and at last after a plentiful conversion of souls, they may shine like the stars in glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V.

For our Parents.

O Almighty God and merciful Father, who from the loins of our first Parents, *Adam* and *Eve*, hast produced Mankind, and hast commanded us to honour our Parents; in pursuance of thy holy Commandment, and of our duty to thee our God, and in thee to them, we do with all humility beg a blessing of thee for our Parents, who from thy mercy and plenty have conveyed many to us: pardon and forgive all their sins and infirmities, increase in them all goodness, give them blessings of the right hand and blessings of the left; bless them in their persons, in their posterity, in the comforts of thy
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holy Spirit, in a persevering goodness, and at last in an eternal weight of glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V I.

For our Children.

O Father of Heaven, God of all the Creatures, by whose providence Mankind is increased, I bless thy Name for bestowing on me that blessing of the righteous man; the blessing of children. Lord, bless them with health, with life, with good understanding, with fair opportunities and advantages of education, society, tutors, and governours; and above all with the graces of thy holy Spirit, that they may live and be blessed under thy protection, grow in grace, and be in favour with God and Man, and at last may make up the number of thine elect children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V I I.

For our Patron, our Friends and Benefactors.

O Almighty God, thou Fountain of all good, of all excellency both to Men and Angels, extend thine abundant favour and loving kindnesses to my Patron, to all my friends and benefactors: reward them and make them plentiful compensation for all the good which from thy merciful providence they have conveyed unto me. Let the light of thy countenance shine upon them, and let them never come into any desertion, affliction, or sadness, but such as may be an instrument of thy glory and their eternal comfort, in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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VIII.

A Prayer of a Wife for her Husband.

O My God, who hast graciously pleased to call me to the holy state of Matrimony, bless me in it with the grace of chastity, with loyalty, obedience and complacency to my Husband; and bless him with long life, with a healthful body, with an understanding soul, with abundance of thy graces, which may make him to be and continue thy servant, a true son of the Church, a supporter and a guide to me his wife, a blessing and a comfort to his children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IX.

Of a Husband for his Wife.

O Merciful God, who art a Father to us thy children, a Spouse to thy holy Church, a Saviour and Redeemer to all Mankind, have mercy upon thy handmaid my wife, endue her with all the ornaments of thy heavenly grace, make her to be holy and devout as *Hester*, loving and amiable as *Rachel*, fruitful as *Leah*, wife as *Rebecca*, faithful and obedient as *Sarah*, that being filled with grace and benediction here, she may be partaker of thy glory hereafter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

X.

For a Curate to say in behalf of his Parish.

O Blessed Jesu, thou that art an eternal Priest, an universal Bishop, and the Fountain of all ghostly good, have mercy upon this Parish
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which thou hast concredited to my charge. Lord, I am unfit for so great a burden, but by thy aid and gracious acceptation I hope for mercy, pardon, and assistance. O Lord, send thy holy Spirit to dwell amongst us: let here be peace and charity, and true Catholick Religion, and holy Discipline. Comfort the comfortless, heal the sick, relieve the oppressed, instruct the ignorant, correct the refractory, keep us all from all deadly sin: and make them obedient to their superiors, friendly to one another, and servants of thy Divine Majesty; that so from thy favour they may obtain blessings in their bodies, in their souls, in their estates, and a supply to all their necessities, till at last they be freed from all dangers and necessities in the full fruition of thy everlasting glories, O blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesu. *Amen.*

XI.

For a Parishioner to say in behalf of his Curate.

O God Almighty, who art pleased to send thy blessings upon us by the Ministration of the Bishops and Priests of thy holy Church, have mercy upon thy servant, to whom is committed the care of my soul, that he, by whose means thou art graciously pleased to advance my spiritual good, may by thy grace and favour be protected, by thy providence assisted, by thy great mercies comforted and relieved in all his necessities bodily and ghostly, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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For safe Child-birth.

O Blessed Jesu, Son of the eternal God, who according to thy humility wert born of a holy Maid, who conceived thee without sin, and brought thee forth without pain, have mercy upon me thy humble servant, and as by thy blessing I have conceived, so grant that by thy favourable assistance I may be safely delivered: Lord, grant me patience, and strength, and confidence in thee, and send thy holy Angel to be my guardian in the hour of my travail. O shut not up my soul with sinners, nor my life with them that go down into the pit. I humbly also beg mercy for my child; grant it may be born with its right shape, give it a comely body, and an understanding soul, life, and opportunity of Baptism, and thy grace from the cradle to the grave, that it may increase the number of Saints in that holy Fellowship of Saints and Angels, where thou livest and reignest eternal God, world without end. *Amen.*

XIII.

Before a Journey.

O God, who didst preserve thy servants *Abraham* and *Jacob*, thy people *Israel*, thy servant *Tobias*, and the wise Men of the East in their several journeys, by thy providence, by a ministry of Angels, by a pillar of fire, and by the guidance of a Star; vouchsafe to preserve us thy servants in the way we are now.

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now to go. Be (O Lord) a guide unto us in our preparation, a shadow in the Day, and a covering by Night, a rest to our weariness, and a staff to our weakness, a patron in adversity, a protection from danger; that by thy assistance we may perform our journey safely to thy honour, to our own comfort, and at last bring us to the everlasting rest of our heavenly Country, through him who is the way, the truth, and the life, our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus. *Amen.*

XIV.

For afflicted Persons.

O Lord God, merciful and gracious, whose compassion extends to all that are in misery and need, that takest delight in the relieving the distressed of the afflicted, give refreshment to all the comfortless, provide for the poor, give ease to all them that are tormented with sharp pains, health to the diseased, liberty and redemption to the captives, chearfulness of spirit to all them that are in great desolations. Lord, let thy Spirit confirm all them that are strong, strengthen all that are weak, and speak peace to afflicted consciences, that the light of thy countenance being restored to them, they may rejoyce in thy salvation, and sing praises unto thy Name, who hast delivered their souls from death, their eyes from tears, and their feet from falling. Grant this for the honour of thy mercies, and the glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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XV.

For our Enemies.

O Blessed Jesu, who wert of so infinite mercies, so transcendent a charity, that thou didst descend from Heaven to the bowels of the earth, that thou mightest reconcile us who were enemies to the mercies of thy heavenly Father ; and in imitation of so glorious example hast commanded us to love them that hate us, and to pray for them that are our enemies ; I beseech thee of thine infinite goodness, that thou wouldst be pleased to keep me with thy grace in so much meekness, justice, and affable disposition, that I may, so far as concerns me, live peaceably with all men, giving no man occasion of offence : and to them who hate me without a cause, I beseech thee give thy pardon, and fill them with charity towards thee and all the world, bless them with all blessings in order to eternity, that when they are reconciled to thee, we also may be united with the bands of Faith, and Love, and a common Hope ; and at last we may be removed to the glories of thy Kingdom, which is full of love and eternal charity, and where thou livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

XVI.

A Prayer to be said upon Ember days.

O Merciful Jesu, who hast promised perpetuity to the Church, and a permanency in defiance of all the powers of Darkness and the gates

gates of Hell, and to this purpose hast constituted several Orders, leaving a power to his Apostles, and their Successors the Bishops, to beget Fathers of our souls, and to appoint Priests and Deacons for the edification of the Church, the benefit of all Christian people, and the advancement of thy service; have mercy upon thy Ministers the Bishops, give them for ever great measure of thy holy Spirit, and at this time particular assistances, and a power of discerning and trying the Spirits of them who come to be ordained to the Ministry of thy Word and Sacraments; that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but maturely, prudently and piously, they may appoint such to thy service and the ministry of thy Kingdom, who by learning, discretion, and a holy life are apt instruments for the conversion of souls, to be examples to the people, guides of their manners, comforters of their sorrows, to sustain their weaknesses, and able to promote all the interest of true Religion. Grant this, O great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, blessed Jesus, who livest and reignest in the Kingdom of thine eternal Father, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Sanctus Deus.

Sanctus Fortis.

Sanctus Immortalis.

XVII.

A Prayer wherewith *S. Augustine*
began his Devotions.

Admiring the unspeakable Majesty and
Attributes of G O D.

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WHat art Thou, O my God? what
art thou, I beseech thee, but the
Lord my God? For who is God
besides our Lord, who is God besides our God?
O thou supreme, most merciful, most just, most
secret, most present, most beautiful, most might-
ty, most incomprehensible, most constant, and
yet changing all things; immutable, never new,
and never old, and yet renewing all things;
ever in action, and yet ever quiet; heaping up,
yet needing nothing; creating, upholding, fil-
ling, protecting, nourishing and perfecting all
things.

Thou lovest, and yet thou art not transpor-
ted: Thou art jealous, yet thou art void of
fear: Thou dost repent, yet thou art free from
sorrow: Thou art angry, and yet art never
unquiet: Thou takest what thou findest, yet
didst thou never lose any thing: Thou art ne-
ver poor, and yet thou art glad of gain: never
covetous, and yet thou exactest profit at our
hands.

hands. We bestow largely upon thee, that thou mayest become our debtor ; yet who hath any thing but of thy gift ? Thou payest debts when thou owest nothing : Thou forgivest debts, and yet thou lovest nothing. And what shall I say, O my God, my life, my joy, my holy dear delight ? Or what can any man say when he speaketh of thee ? And wo be to them that speak not of thee, but are silent in thy praise ; for even they who speak most of thee, may be accounted to be but dumb. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, that I may speak unto thee, and praise thy Name. *Amen.*

XVIII.

A General Confession.

ALmighty God, I a miserable sinner do humbly confess, and am truly sorrowful for my many and great, my innumerable and intolerable crimes, of which my conscience does accuse me by night and by day, and by which I have provoked thy severest wrath and indignation against me. I have broken all thy righteous laws and commandments by word or deed, by vain thoughts or sinful desires. I have sinned against thee in all my relations and capacities, in all places and at all times : I can neither reckon their number, nor bear their burden, nor suffer thy anger which I have deserved. But thou, O Lord God, art merciful and gracious, have mercy upon me ; pardon me for all the evil I have done ; judge
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me not for all the good I have omitted; take not thy favour from me, but delight thou to sanctifie and save me, and work in me to will and to do of thy good pleasure all our duty, that being sanctified by thy Spirit, and delivered from my sin, I may serve thee in a religious and holy conversation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XIX.

A Prayer against Temptations.

O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Name is great, thy essence is infinite, thy goodness is eternal, and thy power hath no limit; thou art the God and Lord of all, blessed for evermore: Look down in mercy and compassion from thy dwelling, hear my prayers and supplications, and deliver me from all temptations of the world, the flesh and the Devil. Take not thy grace from me, let me never want thy help in my need, nor thy comfort in the day of my danger or calamity. Never try me beyond my strength, nor afflict me beyond my patience, nor smite me but with a Father's rod. * I have no strength of my own, thou art my confidence, my rock, and my strong salvation. Save me, O God, from the miseries of this world, and never let me suffer the calamities of the next. Rescue me from the evils I have done, and preserve me from the evils I have deserved; that living before thee with a clean heart and undefiled body, and a sanctified spirit, I may at the
Day

Day of Judgment be presented pure and spotless by the blood of the Lamb, that I may sing eternal Hallelujahs in heavenly places to the honour of God our Saviour, who hath redeemed our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling. Grant this in the richness of thy mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

X X.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for any great deliverance:

O God, my God and Father, thou hast strangely preserved and rescued me from evil, and for the glory of thy own Name thou hast diverted the Arrow, that was directed against me. What am I, O Lord, and what can I do, or what have I done, that thou shouldst do this for me? I am, O God, a miserable sinner, and I can do nothing without a mighty grace, and I have done nothing by my self but what I am ashamed of, and I have received great mercies, and miracles of providence. I see, O God, I see that thy goodness is the cause and measure of all my hopes and all my good: and upon the confidence and greatness of that goodness, I humbly beg of thy Sacred Majesty to keep and defend me from all evil by thy wise providence; to lead me into all good by the conduct of thy divine Spirit, and where I have done amiss give me pardon, and where I have been mistaken give me pity, and where

where I have been injured, give me thy favour and a gracious exchange: that I may serve thee here with diligence, and hereafter may rejoyce with thee, and love thee as I desire to love thee, and as thou deservest to be loved, even with all the powers and degrees of passion and essence, to eternal ages, in the inheritance of Jesus, whom I love, for whom I will not refuse to die, in whom I desire to live and die: to whom with thee, O gracious Father, and the holy Spirit, be all glory and honour, love and obedience for ever and ever. *Amen.*

X X.

A Prayer to be said by a Prisoner in behalf of himself.

O Almighty God, the merciful Father of all that put their trust in thee, look down from the beauteous throne of thy glory with much mercy and compassion upon thy servant, who is a child of misery, full of sin and full of calamity; whose only hope is in the mercies and loving kindness of the Lord. O do thou pardon all my trespasses and debts, by which I am in arrear to thee, put them upon the accounts of the Cross; for our Blessed and most gracious Lord hath paid our price to redeem us from the eternal Prisons, and be thou pleased to enrich me with thy holy Spirit, that I may be strong in faith, abounding in hope, established in a holy patience, and rich in charity, expecting with meekness and submission,

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when the times of refreshment shall come from the presence of the Lord, our Blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus. *Amen.*

XXI.

A Prayer to be used by those that are at Sea.

O Almighty God and Father of Heaven and Earth, who settest bounds to the Sea, and restrainest the waves thereof by a heap of sand, by mountains and rocks, by thy Word and by thy Spirit, saying, Hither shall thy proud waves pass and no farther, look upon thy servant, whose life is in his hands, and I dwell in the shadows of death night and day: I know, O Lord, and confess, the floods and waves of passion do frequently over-run me; and we are drowned in the storms and overwhelmed with iniquity. The Oaths, Blasphemies, impieties, irreligious actions, of which I stand guilty before thee, are louder than the fiercest winds, and call aloud upon thee for vengeance; and many of us in our greatest danger provoke thee with the greatest unreasonableness and violence of impiety. But, O God, our God, be gracious unto thy servant who accuseth himself, and confesseth his guilt, and acknowledgeth thy justice, and begs thy goodness, and prays to thee for safety and defence, for deliverance and for pardon, for thy conduct and thy blessing. Keep us, O God, from storms and quick-sands, from pirates and rocks; from errors and impieties, from all
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evil contingencies and all evil actions; let this voyage be safe to my person and goods, let it be blessed by thy providence and thy holy Spirit, that I may return with comfort and with advantages of success, and thy servant may glorifie thee in the land of the living, in the Church of the first-born, the congregation of thy redeemed ones, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

X X I I.

In a storm or danger of Pirates or Shipwrack.

O Eternal and most holy Saviour Jesus, who in the days of thy flesh and thy infirmity, didst command the Winds and rebuke the Seas, and they obeyed thee: and thou art exalted far above all Principalities and Powers, above all Heavens and all Angels, and art the King of the World, and hast commanded us to come boldly to the throne of grace with promise of help in time of need: Look down upon thy servant, who in the abyss of the Seas, and the more uncomfortable abyss of our trouble, invoke the abyss of thy mercies. O refuse not to hear the Prayers, and to consider the cries, and to behold and pity the need of me who call upon thee, who put my trust in thee, who have laid up all my hopes in thee, and thy infinite and eternal goodness. I have no strength of my own, but thou art my confidence, be thou also my portion and guide, my defence and shield, a Star in the Night, and a covering by Day.

II.

STrengthen my Faith, O God, and increase my hope, that in the greatest danger I may against hope believe in hope, and with faith and love expect the Salvation of the Lord, and may find thy goodness rescuing me from this present fear, and defending me in all our difficulties, and sanctifying every accident, and sweetning every event of providence, and consigning me by these blessings to a final deliverance from all my sins, and from the evil which my sins deserve, to the glory of God, to the salvation of my soul in thy day, in thy glorious day, O eternal, and most holy Saviour and Redeemer Jesu. *Amen.*

XXIV.

A Prayer wherewith to conclude all our Devotions.

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name; I beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears unto me, who have now made my prayers and supplications unto thee: and grant that those things which I have faithfully asked according to thy will, may be effectually obtained, to the relief of my necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING.

THE Peace of GOD which passeth all understanding ; the blessing of GOD Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost ; the Vertue of Christ's blessed Cross and Passion be with me now, and at the hour of Death. *Amen.*

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